



## Interview with Gary Scott

\* Where do you call home?

The Upper West Side of Manhattan, right on the Hudson River. (Staring at Jersey... \*cringe\*) But I was born and schooled in Rockland County, a suburb right outside the city.

\* Describe your sense of humor:

On stage, I like to tease myself. I think it's important for people to reflect on tough experiences or shortcomings and be able to laugh at them. I'm super awkward sometimes, so it leads to some good stories.

Amongst friends, I say shit that people shouldn't say. Am I proud of it? No. But living with roommates of different races, genders, religions, etc. has given me plenty of ammo. If I've gotten the group to laugh or smile, I've done my job. Definitely not enough happiness in the world. I'm in the process of tackling that issue.

\* What's your day job?

I will be graduating from Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration in December, a semester early. My work experiences include director of marketing and promotion for an upscale restaurant, promotions intern for a radio station in New York, and plenty of stints elsewhere. This summer, I will likely be working sales and marketing at ESPN Zone in Times Square.

\* Who are your comedic influences?

My family. We are all looney, but I wouldn't be who I am today without them. My brother and I have a shared love for stand-up comedy and enjoy Dane Cook, Mitch Hedberg, Brian Regan, and Jim Gaffigan (among many, many others).

\* Who would you like to perform with?

Anyone who will have me? I'm still at the point in this venture when I need to keep realism in mind. Talking to Dan Mintz (who opened for BJ Novak when he performed at Cornell), we discussed the fact that when people ask us for an autograph or a photo, we think they're messing with us. I have no clue what I'm capable of doing in the comedy/entertainment industry, but I figure now is a realistic time to shoot for the stars.

\* What are your favorite Web sites?

Facebook (eclectic), YouTube/FunnyorDie (for a quick laugh), My own Web site (because I'd like to think that at least somebody is looking at it), Weezer.com (favorite band), and MySpace.com/lidobeach (good friend's band 'Lido Beach'- we love promoting for each other).

\* How many shows have you done?

So far I've done five shows at Cornell: three in the comedy showcase, one for the 'Ivy Man' charity event, and the opening for Aaron Karo on Nov. 10, 2007. I've also done approximately 12 shows in New York City for the Broadway Comedy Club and the Gotham Comedy Club.

\* Any upcoming shows?

I have been out of the loop, being Upstate. But I'm back in touch with my contacts from New York and planning to do some more club shows... Before my potential national tour.

\* What projects are you working on?

Since I'll be done with school in December, I'd like to tour the nation for a few months before starting a "real job." I'm trying to book dates at colleges and universities from late January 'til probably April (depending on demand). I think it will be Gary Scott's "Graduation Tour 2009." A fun roadtrip at the very least...