

NEIL COLE – FUNNY MAN. DANGER MAN. FACE OF ‘DAVE’.



Comedian, DJ and TV presenter Neil Cole is a self-confessed extreme speed freak...equally at home trying to defy gravity on a skateboard, quad bike or jet ski as he is presenting such epic events as the World Championships of Skateboarding, the Speedo National Wakeboarding Championships and the annual Race of Champions – not to mention his current regular stint as the face of laddish channel DAVE for whom he hosts *World Rally*.

Yet Neil isn't your typical bloke. A petrol-head maybe, but a petrol-head with style. He's also an award-winning comedian and currently the weekday daytime DJ for the newly-formed NME radio station, Neil is a renaissance man whose steady rise to prominence has embraced an extraordinary diversity: from sharing the stage with Russell Brand, presenting MTV's *European Select* and spoofing Kiefer Sutherland in a viral 24-piss-take "42" – a big hit on Myspace Comedy with sketch group Pros from Dover (Neil, Phil Whelans and Richard Glover)

Neil first rose to prominence in 1998, when his Savile Row-suited comedy double act, *Hitchcock's Half Hour* (with Tom Hillenbrand) won the Hackney Empire New Act Of The Year. A Reeves & Mortimer-esque blend of physical punk comedy they were dubbed "the new young Gods of comedy by" (Sunday Times).

However, double-act fame was not for Neil. Instead he accepted an offer to host ITV2's *Bedrock* - a live, primetime youth magazine show. With just under 250 episodes, it constituted the largest single independent commission in cable and satellite history when it launched in 1998. "In reality, says Neil, "it was a show in which myself, Ben Shephard and, in the early days, Malcolm Jeffries, would goof off about gadgets, games, bands & babes".

Other TV credits include: Four seasons of *The Fridge* (2002), a live, 90 minute music-based chat-show which Neil co-created, co-produced & hosted for MTV; three seasons of RTS-nominated motorsport/entertainment show, *Shakedown*, (Sony Pictures Television, 2004 – 2006), which broadcast globally to audiences of up to 100,000,000 people and the FIFA World Cup 2006 for UKTV

Currently Neil is back in demand as a stand-up comic, only this time, he's solo. He's already hosted two nights at the Royal Albert Hall and supported Russell Brand on his most recent major UK stand-up tour.

