



Chris Rock

Lauded by awards and critics alike, Chris Rock, Director, Producer and Co-Writer, is one of our generation's strongest comedic voices. The Brooklyn-raised comedian has garnered three Emmys, three Grammy Awards, has seen his former eponymous talk show become one of HBO's highest-rated and most talked-about programs, and is co-creator and narrator of the acclaimed hit television series *Everybody Hates Chris*.

Rock's feature film debut was in *BEVERLY HILLS COP II* with Eddie Murphy. Other film credits include *BOOMERANG*, with Eddie Murphy; *PANTHER*, directed by Mario Van Peebles; *NEW JACK CITY* with Wesley Snipes; *I'M GONNA GIT YOU SUCKA!* with Keenen Ivory Wayans; *LETHAL WEAPON 4*; *DR. DOOLITTLE*; and *DOGMA*, featuring Ben Affleck, Salma Hayek and Matt Damon.

In September of 2005, *Everybody Hates Chris*, the Rock-inspired sitcom about a black kid coming of age in 1980s Brooklyn, debuted. It has since been named one of *Entertainment Weekly's* "top new series", earning both a Golden Globe nomination and a Writers Guild Award nomination for Best New Series.

His HBO special, *Bigger & Blacker*, earned three Emmy nominations, while the CD went on to win the Grammy Award for Best Comedy Album. Rock's most recent HBO special, *Never Scared*, was nominated for two Emmys, its CD also earning the Grammy for Best Comedy Album. Rock's debut book, *Rock This*, spent time on both *The New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* bestseller lists.

Malaak Compton-Rock

Malaak Compton-Rock has spent the majority of her career in the Public Relations and Special Event fields, but found her true calling after accepting a position at the U.S. Fund for UNICEF (The United Nations Children's Fund). During her two and a half years as Manager, Special Events and Celebrity Relations, she created and orchestrated numerous fundraising and advocacy events, geared towards increasing the organization's visibility and promoting private sector and corporate giving in the United States.

While still at the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, she made the life-changing decision to dedicate her life's work to the not-for-profit world. After witnessing the sweeping changes in welfare laws, and tapping her love of individual style, Ms. Compton-Rock founded *styleWORKS*, a comprehensive grooming service, including hair styling, make-up application, skincare, clothing, accessories, and image consulting for women moving from welfare to work. *styleWORKS* also offers guidance on the interviewing process, mentoring, and job retention-based services.

Ms. Compton-Rock is an avid public speaker and currently serves on the Board of Directors of *Safe Horizon*, the nation's leading non-profit victim assistance, advocacy, and violence prevention organization. Additionally, she is committed to serving those severely affected by Hurricane Katrina by helping to raise awareness, necessary funds, and to place families in permanent housing. In the past, Compton-Rock has also volunteered for *The Dance Theatre of Harlem* and in January 2001, she was chosen as one of "*Crain's New York Business*" 40 Under 40.

Malaak Compton-Rock lives in Alpine, NJ with her husband and two daughters. She has a B.F.A. in Arts/Production Management from Howard University.