

## **Big Daddy Tazz** **Entertainer and Mental Health Motivational Speaker**



After 30 years of denying he had the mental illnesses that were controlling his life, Tazz realized that being manic-depressive, attention deficit, and having mild dyslexia could either destroy or enhance his life... it was his choice.

Today, audiences are happy to join him on his rapid cycle ride down the never-ending road to recovery that has led him from comedy venues across North America to the Psych ward at the Calgary Foothills Hospital (held over).

Often described as "one of the most talented comics in the business," Tazz has been delighting crowds at fundraisers, corporate events, festivals and on television for more than twenty years. Known as the "Bi-Polar Buddha", Tazz is equal parts comedian, and motivational speaker who likes to enlighten, educate, and inspire. As a result, his one-man shows have drawn rave reviews and standing ovations from coast-to-coast.

Tazz' many national festival appearances have included the prestigious Just for Laughs festival in Montreal, the Moncton Comedy Festival, and the CBC Winnipeg Comedy Festival, for which he annually multi-tasks as a writer, producer and performer.

Tazz' explosive Gala performances at the Winnipeg Comedy Festival over the years can be seen frequently on CBC television and the Comedy Network. In 2008 Tazz broke the world record for the longest continuous stand-up comedy show at 8 ½ hours.

Tazz tours the country speaking on Good Mental Health, Bullying and Customer Service. For the last 14 years Big Daddy Tazz has brought forth light and laughter for those living with mental illness, by raising awareness that stigma affects all of us. With his newest endeavour "Stand Up Against Stigma" Tazz believes that it is time to educate, embrace, and empower everyone so that we can all stand tall and give stigma a bad name!

Big Daddy Tazz will make you laugh til you cry then laugh again... it's the bi-polar way!