

CRAIG ROBINSON

A Biography

Perhaps best known for his role as sarcastic Dunder-Mifflin warehouse worker Darryl Philbin on NBC's "The Office," Craig Robinson also has made his mark in the film world, stealing scenes in every project he appears. He made audiences question their notions of vanity playing the sensitive bouncer in *KNOCKED UP*, kept them glued to their seats as one of the henchman hunting Seth Rogen and James Franco's bumbling stoner characters in *PINEAPPLE EXPRESS*, and shocked them silly at the end of *FANBOYS* as the surprise guest playing a THX Security Guard on site at Lucas Ranch. The upcoming year finally gives fans what they have been waiting for with Robinson turning spotlight moments into leading roles.

Robinson can currently be seen in the sixth season of the Emmy-winning "The Office" on NBC. This past year was also busy, with Robinson turning in a hilarious cameo in *NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: BATTLE OF THE SMITHSONIAN* as one of the Tuskegee Airman, lending his comedy genius to fellow Apatow devotee Danny McBride in an episode of his HBO series "East Bound & Down," and starring in several comedies including *MISS MARCH* and *THE GOODS* with Jeremy Piven. Last fall, he co-starred with Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks in *ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORNO* and turned up as a preacher in the demonstrative web video celebrity push in support of Gay rights, "PROP 8: THE MUSICAL" with Jack Black, John C. Reilly, and Neil Patrick Harris.

In March of next year, Robinson will lead in his first film, co-starring in the MGM laugher *HOT TUB TIME MACHINE* with Rob Corrdry and John Cusack. After a night of liquor and energy drinks, the group is transported back in time. Re-exploring their youths in the bodies of the middle-aged men they have become, they rediscover how they became who they are; and what would have been if things had happened differently. In a dramatically different turn, Robinson just signed on for the independent feature *FATHER OF INVENTION* with Kevin Spacey and Camilla Belle. The film will wrap production at the end of this summer for a 2010 release.

Beginning as a stand-up comedian, Robinson first made his mark in the comedy circuit at the 1998 Montreal "Just For Laughs" Festival. That year, he also won the Oakland Comedy Festival Awards and the Miller Genuine Draft 1996 Comedy Search. He soon went on to perform his act on "The Jimmy Kimmel Show," and "Real Time with Bill Maher." Now headlining venues and festivals across the country, he does both solo acts as well as full-band sets, tying together his lyrical comedy and his finesse at the keyboard. He continues to perform at venues across the country. Whether Robinson shows up with just his keyboard or also with his seven-man band, the clubs are packed to the brims with raucous laughter in response to the musical comedy on display.

Robinson's previous film credits include *WALK HARD: THE DEWEY COX STORY* and Tyler Perry's *DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL*. He also guest starred on numerous television shows, including "Friends," "The Bernie Mac Show," and "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

Before deciding to pursue his comedy career full time, Robinson was a K-8 teacher in the Chicago Public School System. He earned his undergraduate degree from Illinois State University and his Masters of Education from St. Xavier University. It was while he was studying education in Chicago that he also discovered his love of acting and comedy when he joined the famed Second City Theatre.

Robinson currently resides in Los Angeles.