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# DOUG STANHOPE "Live from Cape Fear" CD



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## DESCRIPTION

*Doug Stanhope* grew up Worcester, Massachusetts. His parents separated when he was young and he spent time going between his mother & father. His mother let him & his brother read things like *Hustler Magazine* when he was younger. The tasteless cartoons in there are among some of Doug's early influences. A high school dropout, Doug took a train to LA when he turned 18, in hopes of becoming an actor. Six months later, he went back home. He soon moved to Las Vegas, attracted by the fun the city promises. He had quite of bit of it, one night coming home to his girlfriend after marrying another woman during a late night booze-filled adventure. In 1990, while working as a telemarketer, Stanhope began performing stand-up, attending open mikes at the Escape Lounge II. His first material has been self-described as "jack-off jokes."

Stanhope's material is marked by an almost unflinching honesty, touching upon his own drug habits and sexual habits. His social and political views are contrarian, but always sincere. The twisted things he says are what he believes, he's come to them using his own dark logic. His belief in what he says - it's not just "material" - is probably why sometimes he gets visceral responses from audiences, often inducing walkouts "not ready for the truth," as Stanhope sees it.

*Doug Stanhope* taped a **Comedy Central Presents** special in 2001. He often describes the process for the special as frustrating because of the censors and lawyers. A bit of his about suicide had to be cut, because of fears of a lawsuit if a viewer actually followed through afterwards. He was also dissatisfied with the network's stance that drugs could only be talked about negatively. 2002 was a big year for Stanhope. He was named one of the **Top Ten Comics To Watch** by both **Variety** and the **Hollywood Reporter**. And at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland, he was awarded the **Strathmore Press Award**.

Though Stanhope is a committed stand-up, he's strayed into TV and other gigs, mostly just to have the experience (and the paycheck, of course). Among them are "The Man Show" with his friend **Joe Rogan** & hosting the flashing festivities of "Girls Gone Wild". He once appeared on **Jerry Springer** with a completely fictitious story.

Frustrated by the current political situation but not quite ready to defect to Costa Rica, *Doug Stanhope* announced he was running for President in July of 2006 as a Libertarian. It was not meant as a joke, and he began to research campaign law and voter outreach through the web and in speaking engagements beyond his stand-up. In May 2007 he withdrew his candidacy after realizing that current election laws would not allow him to collect money as a stand-up comic if he was campaigning for office.

As Stanhope has grown in reputations, he has taken to performing in more rock and roll venues rather than comedy clubs. He has great distaste for how most comedy club package their shows for mass audiences, describing them as "Adult Chuck E. Cheeses." In 2007, **Showtime** aired his stand-up special "No Refunds." The show was shot at the Gotham Comedy Club in New York, a city that Stanhope dislikes and rarely performs in.

Stanhope often draws comparisons to **Bill Hicks** & **Lenny Bruce**, but he mostly doesn't see it - save for the willingness to take on what some think is difficult material.



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