



BIOGRAPHY

JB Smoove

"Mall Santa"

JB Smoove voices Mall Santa in the Disney+ animated holiday special "A Proud Family Wizmas."

Born in Plymouth, North Carolina, and raised in Mount Vernon, New York, Smoove is an Emmy® Award-winning actor, comedian, producer and writer who continues to entertain audiences around the world with his unique brand of comedy. Best known for his breakout role as Leon Black in HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm," Smoove joined the series in its sixth season and received an NAACP Image Award nomination in 2012 and a SAG Award nomination in 2018 for his performance.

Smoove's extensive television career includes writing for "Saturday Night Live," for which he received a WGA Award in 2007, and performing on "Cedric the Entertainer Presents." His additional credits include "Everybody Hates Chris," "The Millers," "Fresh Off the Boat," "Life in Pieces," "The Last O.G.," "Real Husbands of Hollywood," "History of the World: Part II" and "Mapleworth Murders," which earned him an Emmy Award. His film credits include "Pootie Tang," "Mr. Deeds," "Date Night," "Hall Pass," "The Dictator," "Top Five," "We Bought a Zoo," "Barbershop: The Next Cut," "Uncle Drew," "Search Party," "Almost Christmas," "On the Count of Three" and "Música."

Smoove's distinctive voice has been featured in animated films including "Ice Age 4" and "The Smurfs 2," as well as the animated series "Woke," "Fairfax," "American Dad," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," "Good Times" and "Harley Quinn," in which he voices the beloved character Frank the Plant.

An accomplished stand-up comedian, Smoove has entertained audiences in clubs and theaters across the country and around the world throughout his more than 30-year career. His stand-up

special “How I Dooz It” is a fan favorite, and he has hosted NBC’s “Last Comic Standing” and the Comedy Central specials “Russell Simmons Presents: The Ruckus” and “Russell Simmons Presents: Stand-Up at the El Rey.”

Smooove founded Alternate Side Productions (ASP), which produced the New York Emmy-nominated “One Course with JB Smooove,” and continues to develop opportunities across television, film, animation and branded content. He also founded The First Darrin, a creative agency partnered with UEG that develops campaigns, shorts and advertising content with a distinctly comedic perspective. The partnership was announced in Ad Age, and the agency completed its first project with Lexus.

Beyond entertainment, Smooove serves as a board member of the Mt. Vernon Boys & Girls Club and is a member of the Boys & Girls Club National Alumni Hall of Fame.

#