



JERRY SEINFELD

Jerry Seinfeld created *The Seinfeld Chronicles* with Larry David in 1988 for NBC. The show was later renamed *Seinfeld*. By its fourth season, it had become the most popular and successful sitcom on American television. The final episode aired in 1998, and the show has been a popular syndicated re-run.

After he ended his sitcom, Seinfeld returned to New York City to make a comeback with his stand-up comedy rather than stay in Los Angeles and continue his acting career. In 1998 he went on tour and recorded a comedy special, titled *I'm Telling You for the Last Time*. The process of developing and performing new material at clubs around the world was chronicled in a 2002 documentary, *Comedian*, which also featured fellow comic Orny Adams and was directed by Christian Charles.

On February 25, 2007, Seinfeld appeared at the 79th Academy Awards as the presenter for "Best Documentary." Before announcing the nominations, he did a short stand-up comedy routine about the unspoken agreement between movie theater owners and movie patrons. On October 4, 2007, Seinfeld made a brief return to NBC, guest-starring as himself in the *30 Rock* episode "SeinfeldVision." On February 24, 2008, at the 80th Academy Awards, Seinfeld appeared as the voice of his *Bee Movie* animated character Barry, presenting "Best Animated Short." Before announcing the nominees, he showed a montage of film clips featuring bees, saying that they were some of his early work (as Barry).

In 2012 Seinfeld started a Web series, *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee*, in which he would pick up a fellow comedian in a different car each episode and take them out for coffee and conversation. The initial series consisted of ten episodes lasting from 7 to 25 minutes each. Season 2 (2013) had six episodes, with guests including Don Rickles and David Letterman.

In January 2017, Seinfeld had signed a comedy deal with Netflix. As part of the deal, all episodes of *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee* would be made available on the streaming service, in addition to a new twenty-four episode season. The deal also included two new Seinfeld stand-up specials and the development of scripted and non-scripted comedy programming for Netflix. On September 19, 2017, Netflix released the standup comedy special *Jerry Before Seinfeld*.