



Maz Jobrani: Did you hear the one about the Iranian-American?

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[Maz Jobrani](#) is an actor and comedian who starred on the [Axis of Evil Middle East Comedy Tour](#), a groundbreaking tour of the US and Middle Eastern countries, where it sold out 27 shows in Dubai, Beirut, Cairo, Kuwait and Amman. *The Axis of Evil Comedy Central Special* premiered in 2007 as, arguably, the first show on American TV with an all-Middle Eastern/American cast. Jobrani is now on his own solo world tour called Maz Jobrani: Brown and Friendly. This video is from his recent appearance in Oxford at TEDGlobal where he demonstrates his ability to entertain and educate.

Jobrani's comedy pulls from his background as an Iran-born kid raised in Northern California. He pokes fun at cultural stereotypes of all kinds -- starting with the stereotype that Middle Eastern actors can only play a few kinds of roles in Hollywood. He's been working to develop rich characters in a variety of TV shows and films. His next project: *Jimmy Vestwood: Amerikan Hero*, described as a cross between a Middle Eastern *Pink Panther* and *Bend It Like Beckham*.