

GABRIEL RUTLEDGE

COMEDIAN

Gabriel Rutledge recently captured 1st place 25th Annual *Seattle International Comedy Competition*. Over the course of four weeks and 24 shows, Rutledge bested the field with his unique brand of warm, friendly, self-effacing hilarity. Walking on stage to pick up his \$5,000 prize he quipped, "To my wife Kristi, "I share this with you; and I don't just mean because we have joint checking."

Competing and winning this contest has launched a number of careers. Contestants from previous competitions include Mitch Hedberg, a regular on "Late Night with David Letterman", and Aisha Tyler, host of E! Networks "Talk Soup" and former "Friends" regular. "It's a great honor to win this competition," says Gabriel. "By next year you might see me on Letterman, or...not."

Rutledge's material has been described as "Perceptive but accessible, he does it all with a great deal of personal charm." He often takes an honest and self-deprecating look at his own life, including his finances.

"Looks like my son is gonna get free school lunch just like his daddy...and his grandpa. We've got free school lunch all the way back to the Mayflower. It's a proud family. We came over on the short boat."

Gabriel performs all over North America and lives in one of the great entertainment capitols of the world, Olympia Washington, with his two best premises, his wife Kristi and son Johnny.

