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“Extremely talented...” is what Kenn Kington, the creator of the Ultimate Comedy Theatre, says about Pete, believed to be the world’s only comic with a Ph.D. in engineering from MIT. **“Absolutely fabulous...”** is how Program Manager, Jennifer Gardella described Pete’s ability to find the humor in infertility treatment at an international medical conference. If he can find the humor in corporate presentations on topics ranging from chemical engineering to carpet recycling, it’s no wonder his standup comedy leaves people in stitches. Over a decade of teaching engineers at Georgia Tech gives Pete a truly unique perspective on the humor of science, technology and nerds for stand-up comedy or corporate presentations. Pete also produces and hosts a weekly radio show on WREK-Atlanta whose motto is “Science, only funnier” (see www.insidetheblackbox.org). If you’re a nerd, or have ever met one, Pete will leave you convinced that engineers can truly be funny and not just funny-looking.

WHAT ELSE PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT PETE...

“Dr. Pete’s one-man show is part stand-up, part statistics, part song and all incredibly smart.” – The NOLA Defender on Pete’s show “Feel the Power of the Dork Side” at the 2011 New Orleans Fringe Festival.

“Very funny and smart without being crude! He appealed to our consortium member corporate guests extremely well and we all had a great time. He is a perfect choice for entertaining corporate guests with technical backgrounds.” – Prof. Jay Lee, Director of the Center for Process Systems Engineering, Atlanta, GA.

“The talk was not only hilarious for the chemists in the audience, but also for the audience members with little or no chemical background. You walked the line expertly.” – Keith Sanders, Chemistry Instructor, Girls Preparatory School, Chattanooga, TN

“What can I say...you made the event! Everyone loved your comedy... many, many thanks.” - Kathy Fuller, Director of Membership and Volunteers, East Cobb Democratic Alliance, Cobb County GA.

“I want to thank you for making our evening so eventful... a good time was had by all.” - Judith Nordgren, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, The Vinyl Institute.

“Thanks for giving such a great opening to our event, you were hilarious...” - Dr. Dana Hartley, Director of Academic Advising, Georgia Institute of Technology.

“Wow, what a great show... It was perfect, both in terms of quality and the message...” Prof. Rob McDowell, Carter N. Paden Jr. Distinguished Chair in Metals Processing at Georgia Tech on a recent presentation to the Engineering Learning Community of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

CLUBS & THEATRES

- Abbott’s Bar and Grill – Duluth, GA
- Academy Theatre – Avondale Estates, GA
- Actor’s Express Theatre – Atlanta, GA
- Basement Theatre – Atlanta, GA

- Bell Oasis Hotel – Homasassa Springs, FL
- Best Western Hotel – Weeki Wachee, FL
- Birdi's – Decatur, GA
- Blue Moon Tavern – Buford, GA
- Bonkerz Comedy Club, 2012 – Alpharetta, GA
- Bradley's American Café – Marietta, GA
- The Boiler Room – Portland, OR
- Café Caribé – Greenville, NC
- Comedy Caravan, Louisville, KY
- Comedy Catch, Chattanooga, TN
- The Cheyenne Grille, Atlanta, GA
- ComedyComedy – Aurora, IL
- Comedy Shrine – Aurora, IL
- Comedy Studio – Cambridge, MA
- Cumberland Island Inn – St. Mary's, GA
- Diamond Dave's Steakhouse – Kennesaw, GA
- The Earl – Atlanta, GA
- The Edge Comedy Club – Chicago, IL
- The Elegance Lounge, Decatur, GA
- Exit Theater, 2012 – San Francisco, CA
- Ferst Center for the Performing Arts (opened for Dat Phan, winner of Last Comic Standing 2004, and Josh Blue, winner of Last Comic Standing, 2007) – Atlanta, GA
- The Five Spot – Atlanta, GA
- Frank & Ronny's Lounge – Marietta, GA
- Freddy's Beach Bar & Restaurant – Arlington, VA
- The Funny Farm – Alpharetta, GA
- Gainsville Civic Center, Gainsville, GA
- Georgia Mountain Center, Gainsville, GA
- Giggles Comedy Club – Seattle, WA
- Go Bananas – Cincinnati, OH
- Gypsy Comedy Club – St. Augustine, FL
- Hilton – Americas – Houston, TX
- Hot Shots – Portland, OR
- Insane Comedy – Roswell, GA
- Kranzberg Arts Center, 2012 – St. Louis, MO
- Kuroshio Sushi Bar – Alpharetta, GA
- Landmark Diner – Atlanta, GA
- The Laughing Skull Lounge – Atlanta, GA
- Laugh's Comedy Spot, Kirkland, WA
- The Laughing Skull Lounge, Atlanta, GA
- Lion's Den Comedy Club, King's Cross – London, England
- Liz & Lee's Live – East Point, GA
- Max Lager's American Grill & Brewery – Atlanta, GA
- Mazzy's Sports Bar & Grill – Marietta, GA
- Muddy Charles Pub (on the MIT campus) – Cambridge, MA
- Nancy G's – Sandy Springs, GA
- The Northern Star Coffee House – Norcross, GA

- The Old Alabama Grille – Alpharetta, GA
- Ormsby's Restaurant – Atlanta, GA
- The Punchline – Atlanta, GA
- Red Door Playhouse – Roswell, GA
- Relapse Theatre – Atlanta, GA
- River Center Comedy Club – San Antonio, TX
- Rooster T. Feathers – Sunnyvale, CA
- Sharky's Comedy Club – Honolulu, HI
- Showcase Comedy Lounge-Atlanta, GA
- Southside Steves – McDonough, GA
- The Speakeasy, Fort Walton Beach, FL
- Spudz Grill – Roswell, GA
- Starbucks Café @ Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech – Atlanta, GA
- Stats Sports Bar – Atlanta, GA
- The Star Bar – Atlanta, GA
- Twains Billiards & Tap – Decatur, GA
- Twisted Taco – Atlanta, GA
- Thirsty Ear Pub (on the MIT Campus) – Cambridge, MA
- Tilted Kilt – Roswell, GA
- Under the Couch – Atlanta, GA
- The Urban Grind, Atlanta, GA
- The Velveeta Room – Austin, TX
- The Warren Club – Atlanta, GA
- The Whole World Theatre - Atlanta, GA
- Uncle Pearl's Tavern – Buford, GA
- Village Theatre – Atlanta, GA
- Wild Wing Café – Marietta, GA
- Wiseguys Comedy Club – West Valley, UT

CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & EDUCATIONAL VENUES

- Academy Theatre, Comedy at the Academy Theatre – Avondale Estates, GA
- Al Shih Shriner's Temple, 2006 – Macon, GA
- Atlanta Downtown Festival, 2008 – Atlanta, GA
- Atlanta Feminist Women's Health Center, 2012 – Atlanta, GA
- Atlanta Roller Girls Halftime Show, 2009 – Atlanta, GA.
- Atlantic Coast Conference – 5th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference, 2010 – Atlanta, GA
- AMEC Corporation 2008 Holiday Party – Stone Mountain, GA
- American Chemical Society, Spring National Meeting 2006 – Atlanta, GA
- American Chemical Society, New England Regional Meeting 2008 – Burlington, VT
- American Chemical Society, Central Texas Section 2006 – Austin, TX
- American Chemical Society, Midland Michigan Section – Midland, MI
- American Chemical Society, Ole Miss Section 2012 – Oxford, MS
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Central Savannah Section, 2010 – Aiken, SC
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Fall National Meeting, 2011 – Minneapolis, MN

- American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Leadership Development Conference, 2009 – Augusta, GA
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Midwest Regional Meeting, 2010 – Chicago, IL
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Proc. Design Symposium 2008 – Hancock, MA
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Programming Retreat 2007 – Houston, TX
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Southwest Regional Student Conferences, 2011 – Atlanta, GA
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Spring National Meeting 2005 – Atlanta, GA
- American Nuclear Society, National Student Meeting, 2011 – Atlanta GA.
- American Society of Engineering Education, National Meeting, 2010 – Louisville, KY
- American Society of Reproduction Medicine, 2009 National Meeting – Atlanta, GA
- Americans United for the Separation of Church & State, Georgia Chapter, 2010 – Atlanta, GA
- Arizona State University (Central Arizona ACS Chapter) 2010 – Phoenix, AZ
- The Backyard Ballroom (2011 New Orleans Fringe Festival) – New Orleans, LA
- Both Sides Gallery (2012 Chicago Fringe Festival) – Chicago, IL
- Carpet America Recovery Effort, National Meeting 2005 – Pine Mountain, GA
- Chemical Abstract Service, International Sales Meeting, 2008– Cincinnati, OH
- Cherokee County Democratic Party Fundraiser, 2012 – Canton, GA
- Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society, 1st Annual Banquet 2007 – Atlanta, GA
- Chicago Fringe Festival, 2012 – Chicago, IL
- Cobb County Democratic Committee, 2006, Marietta, GA
- Contract Transportation Management Association, 2011 – Destin, FL
- Dragon Con, 2011 – Atlanta, GA
- East Cobb Democratic Alliance, 2006 – Marietta, GA
- Eastman Lodge (Northeast Tennessee ACS Section), 2009 – Kingsport, TN
- Emory University Dept. of Biostatistics, 2010 – Atlanta, GA.
- EPA, National Exposure Research Lab (Southern Nevada ACS Section), 2010 - Las Vegas, NV
- First International Conference on Microneedles, 2010 – Atlanta, GA
- Frontiers in Education, National Meeting, 2010 – Arlington, VA
- Georgia Academic Advisors Network, 3rd Annual Best Practices Conference (2006) – Atlanta, GA
- Georgia 9th Congressional District, 2009 Jefferson and Jackson Dinner sponsored by the Gilmer County Democrats – Elijay, GA
- Georgia Tech, Presidents Scholars Weekend – Atlanta, GA
- Georgia Tech, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering – Atlanta, GA
- Georgia Tech, School of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering – Atlanta, GA
- Georgia Tech School of Mechanical Engineering – Atlanta, GA
- Georgia Tech Alumni Association – Charleston, SC
- Georgia Tech Alumni Association Board of Trustees – Lake Oconee, GA
- Georgia Tech, Athletic Association – Atlanta, GA
- Georgia Tech Auxiliary Services Awards Breakfast, 2012 – Atlanta, GA
- Georgia Tech, Inventure Prize Competition, Ferst Center for the Performing Arts, 2009 – Atlanta, GA
- Georgia Tech, Residence Hall Association, 2012 – Atlanta, GA
- Georgia Tech, Residence Life Banquet, 2011 – Atlanta, GA

- Georgia Tech, Retirement Banquet, Wardlaw Center - Atlanta, GA
- Georgia Tech, Student Center – Atlanta, GA
- Georgia Tech, Student Success Center – Atlanta, GA
- Georgia Tech, Women’s Leadership Conference (2008, 2010, 2011) – Atlanta, GA
- Georgetown University (2012) – Washington, DC
- Gilmer Country Democrats (2009 Jefferson & Jackson Dinner) – Elijay, GA
- Girl’s Preparatory School (Chattanooga ACS Section, 2009) - Chattanooga, TN
- Gorden Biersch Brewery (Georgia Local ACS Section, 2010) – Atlanta, GA
- Huntingdon College (Auburn ACS Section), 2009 – Montgomery, AL
- ICHIME International Conference on Adsorption and Distillation – London, England
- Illinois Central College, 2012 – East Peoria, IL
- Illinois Institute of Technology, 2010 – Chicago, IL
- International Conference for Nurses and Support Personnel in Reproductive Medicine (18th conference, 2005) – New Orleans, LA
- Institute of Transportation Engineers, Georgia Section Annual Banquet – Atlanta, GA
- International Nursing Conference on Reproductive Health and Infertility, 2008 – Chicago, IL
- KIPP Renaissance High School, 2011, New Orleans, LA
- Krazy about Kats, Cat Shelter Fundraiser (2008) – Atlanta, GA
- KYNANOMAT –2008, Nanomaterials Conference sponsored by EPSCOR and the Institute for Advanced Materials and Renewable Energy - Louisville, KY
- Maryville College (East Tennessee ACS Section, 2008) – Maryville, TN
- MIT Alumni Club of Atlanta (2006 - 2009)– Atlanta, GA
- MIT Alumni Club of Boston (2008) – Boston, MA
- Mutt Maddnes Dog Shelter fundraising show (2010) – Atlanta, GA
- North Springs H.S., Friends of Math and Science (2009,2011) – Sandy Springs, GA
- Organization for Computational Neuroscience, Annual Meeting, 2012 – Decatur, GA
- Pacific Lutheran University (Puget Sound ACS Section), 2009 – Tacoma, WA
- Pacific Northwest National Labs (Richland ACS Section, 2009) – Richland, WA
- National Undergraduate Business Symposium 2007, Emory University – Atlanta, GA
- RESOLVE of Georgia, Infertility Couple Support Group (2007) – Atlanta, GA
- St. Ambrose University, Illinois-Iowa ACS Chapter, 2012 – Davenport, IA
- Seattle Genetics (Puget Sound ACS Section), 2009 – Bothell, WA
- Society of Women Engineers (Atlanta Chapter Annual Banquet) – Atlanta, GA
- Society of Women Engineers (Awards Banquet, Region D) 2009 – Atlanta, GA
- Solvay Advanced Polymers, International R&D Conference 2008 – Helen, GA.
- Serono Syposium International, Serono Pharmaceuticals Inc (2006). – New Orleans, LA
- Southern Arizona ACS Chapter 2010 - Tuscon, AZ
- Southside Steve’s, 2011 – McDonough, GA
- Studio 101, 2012 – Houston, TX
- Sweetwater 420 Festival 2011, 2012– Atlanta, GA
- Technical Association of the Pulp & Paper Industry (2008) – Auburn, AL
- Tennessee State University (Nashville ACS section, 2009) - Nashville, TN
- Texas Tech University (South Plains ACS Section, 2006) – Lubbock, TX
- The Lodge at Bridgemill (2008) – Canton, GA
- University of Alabama (Alabama Local ACS Section, 2009) – Birmingham, AL
- University of Alabama (North Alabama ACS Section, 2009) – Huntsville, AL
- University of Minnesota (AXΣ chapter, 2011) – Minneapolis, MN

- University of Mississippi (North Mississippi ACS Section, 2012) – Oxford, MS
- University of Nebraska at Lincoln 2008 Engineering Learning Community Annual Trip – Atlanta, GA
- University of Nebraska, 2009 - Lincoln, NE
- University of Nebraska, 2009 - Omaha, NE
- University of North Alabama (Wilson Dam ACS Section), 2009 – Florence, AL
- University of Tennessee at Martin (Kentucky Lakes ACS section), 2009 – Martin, TN
- University of Texas – Permian Basin (Permian Basin ACS Section, 2006) – Odessa, TX
- University of Wisconsin, 2010 – Madison, WI.
- Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (2007) – Athens, GA
- U.S.A. Science & Engineering Festival (2012) - Washington, DC
- Vinyl Promotion Network Annual Meeting, 2009 – Baltimore, MD
- VOTER GA, Electronic Voting Rights Organization of Georgia (2007) – Marietta, GA

SHOWS HOSTED & PRODUCED

- Behind the Red Door – Red Door Playhouse – Roswell, GA
- Caffeinated Comedy – Starbucks in Midtown (2008)– Atlanta, GA
- Caffeinated Comedy –Urban Grind Coffee House (2009-2011) – Atlanta, GA
- Caffeinated Comedy – Sweet Sensations & Espresso Bar (2012) – Alpharetta, GA
- Co-host and producer of “Inside the Black Box”, weekly program on WREK 91.1FM (2/08 – present) – Atlanta, GA
- Co-host and producer of “Inside the Black Box”, weekly program on Radio Sandy Springs (4/06-2/08) – Sandy Springs, GA
- Comedy at the Academy Theatre (2007) – Avondale Estates, GA
- Comedy in the Burbs – Spudz Tavern (2010) – Roswell, GA
- Comical Engineering, AIChE National Meeting (2007) – Houston, TX
- Express Comedy, Actor’s Express Theatre, Atlanta, GA
- Feel the Power of the Dork Side, a one man show on statistics and their application, 2011 New Orleans Fringe Festival – New Orleans, LA
- Funny Girls: The Women of Atlanta Comedy – Georgia Tech Women’s Resource Center, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA (2005, 2006, 2007)
- Geekapalooza Comedy Tours – produced and hosted a comedy tour featuring the Georgia Tech Finalists from the 2011 National College Comedy Competition (2011-2012)
- Georgia Tech Open-Mic Nights – Under the Couch, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA
- Lab Coats & Other Fashion Statements, American Chemical Society Meeting (Spring 2006) – Atlanta, GA
- Last Man Standing, Wild Wing Café (2011) – Marietta, GA
- Nerd Comedy Jam – Under the Couch, Georgia Tech (2005) - Atlanta, GA
- Make Me Laugh Comedy Show, Fridays at the Relapse Theatre (2008-2009) – Atlanta, GA
- Pocket Protectors & Other Fashion Statements, MIT Alumni Club of Atlanta (2006-present) – Atlanta, GA
- Side-Splitting Sacrilege, Comedy Fundraiser for Student Atheists at GT (2007) – Atlanta, GA
- The Northern Star Coffee House, Comedy Open-Mic (2007) – Norcross, GA.

OTHER TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- Director of IDEA center at Georgia Tech which utilizes improvisational humor to catalyze technical idea generation 2009-present (www.chbe.gatech.edu/idea)
- “Hex Machine” - student film written directed and produced by Daniel Drummond, David Green, Stephen Thomas and Kevin Ziegler (2010)
- Humor Consultant to the 2010 Summer Institute for Training in Biostatistics, sponsored by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health – Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- Director, Georgia Tech Living Learning Community on Humor in Innovation, 2009-present – Atlanta, GA
- 2nd Place, Atlanta’s Funniest Office Worker, 2006– Atlanta, GA
- Alternate Finalist, Funniest Person in Atlanta Contest, WBTV – Atlanta, GA
- Semifinalist, Ultimate Comedy Theatre Competition, Southeast Region – Atlanta, GA
- Semifinalist, 3rd Annual Rooster T. Feathers Comedy Competition – Sunnyvale, CA
- Member, American Chemical Society Speakers Service (2007-present)
- Screen Test Finalist, Smashlab, The Discovery Channel, produced by Darlow Smithson, did two seasons on the Discovery Channel (2007).
- Screen Test Finalist, The Virtual Hanger, The History Channel, produced by Lone Wolf Documentary Group (2012 – not yet picked up).
- “And Ye Shall Find” – Independent film written and directed by David Green (2005)
- “Class Clownz,” Comedy Central Pilot, Directed by Alex Gardner (2008)
- Stand-up and Improv Comedy Workshop, Manny Oliveria (2004) – Atlanta, GA
- B.S. in Chemical Engineering, University of Illinois (1984) – Urbana, IL
- Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering, M.I.T. (1989) – Cambridge, MA
- Postdoctoral Research, Eigenössische Technische Hochschule – Zürich, Switzerland
- Postdoctoral Research, IBM Almaden Research Center – San Jose, CA
- Postdoctoral Research, NASA-Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA
- Manager of Polymer Products, Molecular Simulations Inc. – Burlington, MA
- Associate Prof., School of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, (1993-present) Georgia Institute of Technology – Atlanta, GA
- Leadership Training, Leadershape Inc. (2006)
- Instructor, Haward Technologies – Middle East (2007-present), Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Certified Rescue Diver, Professional Association of Diving Instructors

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