

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Questioning/Queer+ History Month

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Wanda Sykes

Wanda Sykes is an American stand-up comedian, actress and writer. She was first recognized for her work as a writer on “The Chris Rock Show,” for which she won a Primetime Emmy Award in 1999.

Entertainment Weekly named Sykes one of the 25 funniest people in America in 2004. Also known for her roles on CBS’ “The New Adventures of Old Christine,” HBO’s “Curb Your Enthusiasm” and ABC’s “Blackish,” Sykes currently stars in the Netflix original series “The Upshaws.” Sykes has also appeared in, and voiced animated characters for, several films.

Married to her wife since 2008, Sykes is actively involved in same-sex marriage advocacy, often hosting events and emceeding fundraisers. In 2010, she received the GLAAD Stephen F. Kolzak Award, given by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation to an openly LGBT member of the entertainment or media community for their work to eliminate homophobia.



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