

Guy Smiley and Wayne Brady

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Guy Smiley is, by his own account, America's Favorite Game Show Host. He has hosted the *Sesame Street* game shows *Beat The Time*, *Here is Your Life*, *What's My Part?*, *Let's Make a Friend!*, and many others. He approaches every hosting gig with a near-frantic level of excitement and enthusiasm. Most of Guy Smiley's appearances in sketches have been as the host of game shows. Many of the sketches where he doesn't host game shows still involve him being the host of a show, including *The Weather Show*, *The Letter of the Day Pageant*, and *On Vacation with Guy Smiley*. Of course, Wayne Brady (b. 1972), the actor, singer, television personality, and comedian, is a real game show host and has hosted a real game show, *Let's Make a Deal*, since its 2009 revival. In 2003, Brady appeared on *Sesame Street* in Episodes 4031 and 4052.

Wayne Brady (b. 1972) is an actor, singer, television personality, and comedian. He is best known for his work on the American version of the improvisation show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, where he particularly excelled at improvisational singing. Brady has received 16 Emmy Award nominations in total, winning his first for his work on *Whose Line?* in 2003, and two more in the space of the next year for his daytime talk show, *The Wayne Brady Show*, which aired from 2002 to 2003. Brady went on to appear on Broadway in the revival of *Chicago* and in *Kinky Boots*. He is the current host of *Let's Make a Deal* on CBS (and my favorite cover connection to a *Sesame Street* character), and his animation voice credits include *Sofia the First*, *The Loud House*, *Robot Chicken*, and *American Dad!* In 2019, he was the season two winner of *The Masked Singer* (as the Fox).

Mr. Snuffleupagus and Spike Lee

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Mr. Snuffleupagus first appeared on *Sesame Street* in episode 0276, the third season premiere. Mr. Snuffleupagus is a full-bodied Muppet character who lives with his family in a cave just off of Sesame Street. Snuffleupagus is his species as well as his last name. His full name is Aloysius Snuffleupagus, although his friends call him Snuffy. He is eternally 4½ years old, and celebrates his birthday on August 19. Snuffy's best friend is Big Bird. Spike Lee (b. 1957) is the Academy Award-winning director of such films as *Do the Right Thing*, *Jungle Fever*, and *BlackKkKlansman*. Lee appeared on *Sesame Street* in 2000 to direct "Summer of Snuffy," a spoof of his film *Summer of Sam*. In it, Snuffy is directed to act sad, but Snuffy's personality won't break from his happy disposition. This leaves Lee frustrated enough to strap on a snuffle and play the role himself.

Spike is a cool name, but did you know that the Oscar-winning film director, producer, screenwriter, and actor's real first name is Shelton. Snuffleupagus is a pretty fantastic name on its own. But what makes it even more fabulous is that Snuffy's first name is the fancy-schmancy Aloysius. In one of *Sesame Street*'s strangest spoofs, they parodied 1999 serial killer film *Summer of Sam*, directed by Lee, by getting the director to play himself in a segment where he tries to make film *Summer of Snuffy*. However, Lee gets so annoyed with Mr. Snuffleupagus' constant cheerful demeanor in a sad scene that the director plays the role himself, complete with a red snuffle nose.