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**HANCOCK's David "Big Dave" Matthey-  
BIG Box Office & BIG IQ**



**Will Smith** (left) with "Man Mountain" **David Matthey** in **HANCOCK**

Speaking of big, David "Big Dave" Matthey shares the big screen in two of this summer's big blockbusters: The **Steve Carell** action comedy, **Get Smart**, also starring **Anne Hathaway**, and the just-released superhero saga, **Hancock**, starring superstar **Will Smith**, **Jason Bateman** and **Charlize Theron**. Three upcoming films also welcome his unmistakable imprint - **Lonely Street**, **The Steamroom**, and **Jack and the Beanstalk** with **Chevy Chase**, **Christopher Lloyd**, **Katey Sagal**, **Wallace Shawn**, and **Gilbert Gottfried**, with a fourth, **The Taxi Bride**, in pre-production.

If David, one cool cat, was ever an *actual* cat in a previous life, he has still lived more "lives" in his current one. Aside from his Virginia Tech engineering background and a host of patents, he's worked for NASA, crewed racing yachts as a grinder, and even swum from

Alcatraz to San Francisco through shark-infested waters. Above all, though, his prowess as an actor, stunt performer and comedian helps him bring a depth to a world of characters - dramatic, comedic, demonic and horrific - making "Big Dave" simply too big to pigeonhole.



In Music Video with country legend **Toby Keith**

David's characterizations are that much more impressive, considering few if any of them reflect his real life persona as a MENSA member, with an IQ approaching the stratosphere. This dichotomy has resulted in some very entertaining revelations. After David and his stunt buddies had the pleasure of knocking each other out on **Toby Keith's** video, "**As Good As I Once Was,**" one stuntman remarked how Big Dave was "the most over-educated person to ever get hit with a chair." He's also one of the nicest guys you'll meet, and according to **Hancock director Peter Berg,** "He's got a heart as big as his body and the outstanding job he did for us in Hancock has won him a permanent spot in Pete Berg's actor repertoire company. Big Dave is truly a pleasure to work with."

David also manages to lend a brilliant presence to the stage. In New York he gave powerfully moving dual performances as Posthumus Leonatus and Cloten in the acclaimed production of Shakespeare's **Cymbeline,** as The Ghost and the Gravedigger in **Hamlet,** and as Lenny in the classic **Of Mice and Men.** His versatility has been on further display these past five years in L.A., performing in the award-winning Christmas-themed sketch comedy show **Santasia,** in which his roles range from a polar bear papa to a mother, a sister, and the biggest elf you've ever seen. He is a founding member of the LA-based sketch comedy group **Small, Medium, Large,** and for three years appeared weekly as one of the original cast members of the NYC comedy troupe **Living Room Live.** His finely-honed skills took form early on with Second City/Burn Manhattan and The Groundlings.

Whether navigating the ocean on a sailboat as a grinder, or navigating the world of entertainment, David is more than up to the challenges, convincingly suffering the most gruesomely gratifying "deaths" before returning to tackle life all over again, and delighting movie and television fans in the process.

That purring sound you hear is from David Matthey, a cat who's definitely having the time of his lives!

Additional photos:



Between scenes with **Hugh Hefner** at the Playboy Mansion shooting  
**Citizen Toxic: The Toxic Avenger Part IV**



As an Orion Slaver on **Star Trek: Enterprise**



As an Orion Slave on **Star Trek: Enterprise**



Terrorizing **Jaclyn Smith** as carjacker and general ne'er-do-well  
Little Biggie on **The District**



As the Killer Zombie on **House of the Dead 2: Dead Aim**





David Matthey Headshot



David Matthey (left) with **James Marsters** on the set of **Angel**



On the set of **Angel** with **Andy Hallett**



David Matthey (left) as Toxie in **Citizen Toxie**



"Big Dave" when he was little

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