

## Brad Garrett Bio

A versatile-voiced man well-known for his role as Ray Romano's brother on the hit sitcom *Everybody Loves Raymond*, Brad Garrett was the first 100,000 dollar grand champion winner in *Star Search*'s comedy category. Following an appearance on the *Tonight Show* soon after, Garrett shot to stardom and has provided voices for *The Transformers*, *The Jetsons*, and *Toonsylvania*.

Raised in Woodland Hills, CA, and the son of a hearing aid specialist who worked in geriatrics and a full-time housewife, Garrett began performing stand-up at various Los Angeles Comedy Clubs upon graduation from high school. Spending six weeks at UCLA before his fateful appearance on the *Tonight Show*, the young comedian later felt the wrath of that show's grudge after telling a joke that the talent booker had warned him against. Garrett has since never been invited back. Nevertheless he continued on strongly, opening for Frank Sinatra and soon finding roles in such popular television shows as *Roseanne*, *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, and *Seinfeld*. Offering his voice (and sometimes his face) to numerous features since his breakout in the early '80s, Garrett has appeared in or contributed to *Casper* (1995) and *A Bug's Life* (1998), as well as starring in the comedy-thriller *Postal Worker* in 1998. Hitting his stride as Raymond's older brother in *Everybody Loves Raymond*, Garrett retains his self-deprecating sense of humor despite his nearly two-decades-long success streak.

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