

SCOTTY NELSON

Scotty Nelson is an actor and comedian most recently from Chicago, IL. Other cities in Illinois where he has lived include Peoria (born there), Geneseo (grew up there), and Macomb (attended Western Illinois University there).

During his time in Chicago, Scotty has covered the improv map. He has performed countless shows at iO Chicago, The Annoyance Theatre, and others. He has worked on the Second City National Touring Company for two years. Within those two years his company performed in residence at the La Jolla Playhouse in La Jolla, CA and Berkeley Repertory in Berkeley, CA. In his time with Second City, Scotty has been a part of writing five (mostly) original revues. In each process, Scotty would pitch scenes making fun of Walgreens stores. (None made it in)

Scotty was probably most known in the Chicago "scene" for his work with the improv group *Sand*. A trio that was Newcity Magazine's Best Improv Troupe winner for 2016. *Sand* has performed and taught workshops in Houston, Memphis, and Shanghai, China. Also, if there's a small open space with lights pointed at it in Chicago, chances are good that *Sand* has done a show there at some point. Most notably at Chicago's greatest bar, Quenchers, where they have performed in and hosted a weekly show for the last four years.

In front of the camera, Scotty found acclaim in his performance in the 2016 short film *Spaceman*. He was nominated for Best Actor at the Austin Revolution Film Festival and won in the same category at the Glendale International Film Festival for his portrayal as Rupert, a lost dude who has the unrealistic goal of becoming an astronaut. He has also done character work for *The Jam* on WCIU Chicago and *Sports Lite* on the Big Ten Network.