

**JAI RODRIGUEZ**  
**CULTURE VULTURE ON QUEER EYE FOR THE STRAIGHT GUY**

Jai Rodriguez was born on Long Island, New York on June 22, 1979. It wasn't long before he began paving the road to a successful career in show business.

Rodriguez spent his youth honing his talents anywhere he could – from community theater to church performances. He even spent his grade school recesses finalizing the choreography for his first one-man show, titled J.J.: Live at Lunch.

Rodriguez's talents started getting noticed while he studied musical theater and performed at the BOCES Cultural Arts Center on Long Island. At 17, he was selected to play "Angel," the lead role in the Broadway musical "RENT." He later landed the lead role of "Zanna" in the off-Broadway musical hit "Zanna, Don't!" and a role as "Patrick Chibas" in the Lincoln Center play "Spinning Into Butter" with Hope Davis. Rodriguez added to his acting credits with television and film roles that included *All My Children* and *The New Guy*. Most recently (2005-2006), he starred in the hit Broadway musical, "The Producers."

Rodriguez's television and film success inspired him to create his own cabaret at the XL Lounge in New York City titled, Monday Night Twisted Cabaret. One night, producers from *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* caught the show found a perfect fit for their new project.

As the "Culture Vulture" on Bravo's hit show *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, Rodriguez uses his skills and social charisma to coach men on everything from working the room in a social setting to feeling comfortable on the dance floor.

But his talents aren't limited to the stage and screen. Rodriguez is currently working with the industry's top producers on his debut album scheduled to release later this year. The singer blends pop/rock, R&B, dance and high-energy fusion. Rodriguez's first dance single "Love is Good" can be heard at [www.arriveateleven.com](http://www.arriveateleven.com).

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