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## #25: Giant Bombcast (2008)

this year.

### Giant Bombcast. 2008



Ryan Davis  
Jeff Gerstmann  
Vinny Caravella  
Brad Shoemaker



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Ryan Davis and Jeff Gerstmann made a loud splash with the launch of their site, Giant Bomb, in 2008. Along with it came what would shortly become one of the most popular gaming podcasts in existence—the Giant Bombcast. With irrelevant musings, intense gaming discussion, and energy drink taste testing, the Giant Bombcast very quickly cemented its position in the pantheon of superior podcasts.

The Bombcast launched as the Arrow Pointing Down Podcast prior to the unveiling of Giant Bomb. It then morphed into the Giant Bombcast with Gerstmann and Davis, only to transform into its third incarnation some months later when Vinny Caravella and Brad Shoemaker joined the Giant Bomb staff. Discussed within are hemp milk, Ice T, Howard Philips and the game Slalom, Jeff's strep throat condition, and voice boxes.

**Find new and old episodes of the Giant Bombcast at the show's official website!**

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The Adam Carolla Show  
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Mar 2006; Apr 2006;  
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Jul 2006; Aug 2006;  
Sep 2006; Oct 2006;  
Nov 2006; Dec 2006

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## Timestamps

### Arrow Pointing Down

0:02:00 – Arrow Pointing Down start

### Giant Bombcast (before Vinny and Brad)

0:29:30 – Giant Bombcast start

0:38:30 – Drink taste testing

0:51:30 – News

1:18:30 – Emails

### Giant Bombcast (with Vinny and Brad)

1:40:00 – Giant Bombcast start

2:08:30 – News

3:27:00 – New releases

3:33:00 – Emails

## Notes

The Giant Bombcast was a production of Giant Bomb and Whiskey Media. All clips in this episode are the property of those parties. It was produced by Ryan Davis. The percentage of the original show in this episode is approximately 4% (3hrs 34min/92hrs 58min). This episode has been mastered at 56kbp/s, below the original audio quality of the shows available to us. Compression is used to reduce file sizes. The difference in audio quality is negligible if not unrecognizable. Timestamp notes are available here.

## Songs

Kinder Blumen – Real Estate

Don't Mess (with the U.S.) – Suburban All-Stars

Stop the All-Stars – Suburban All-Stars

My Heart Belongs to Giant Bomb – Evan Brass

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## Ryan Davis

Davis joined GameSpot in 2000 as a reviewer. During his time at the site he co-hosted On the Spot with Rich Gallup. After Gallup's departure he became a staple on The HotSpot, GameSpot's pioneer gaming podcast, but his spell on the show lasted only a few months. He left the site a few weeks after senior editor Jeff Gerstmann's dismissal. The two began Giant Bomb and the Giant Bombcast together.

## Jeff Gerstmann

Gerstmann's media career began at GameSpot in 1996. He stayed with the site during its expansion while simultaneously working his musical talents. Gerstmann

2006; 2007; 2008

### Giant Bombcast

2008; 2009; 2010; 2011; 2012; Ryan Davis Memorial; 2013; 2014

### Good Grief

Full run

### Hang Up and Listen

2013

### The HotSpot

2005; 2006; 2007; Top 40

### Idle Thumbs

Original run

### Left, Right & Center

2011; 2012

### Loveline

Q1 2000; Q2 2000; Q3 2000; Q4 2000; Q1 2001; Q2 2001; Q3 2001; Q4 2001; Q1 2002; Q2 2002

### Oddcast

2009

### On the Media

2001; 2011; 2012; 2013

### The Penn Jillette

Radio Show

Q1 2006

### Planet Money

401 to 450; 451 to 500

### Political Gabfest

2011; 2012; 2013

### Retronauts

2007; 2008

### Security Now

2005-2006; 2007; 2014

### The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe

2005; 2006; 2007; 2011; 2012; 2013

### Studio 360

2012; 2013

### This American Life

1 to 25; 26 to 50; 51 to 75; 76 to 100; 101 to 125

### Too Beautiful to Live

Q1 2008; Q2 2008; Q3 2008; Q1 2011; Q2 2011; Q3 2011; Q4 2011

### Uhh Yeah Dude

2006; 2007; 2008; 2012; 2013; 2014

### Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!

2011

### The Why Factor

2012

That aint no caravella....looks like a creepo - Anonymous

Best podcast. - Anonymous

My favorite show on the site besides Daves of Thun... - Anonymous

I always liked when Shirley Phelps called in. He a... - Anonymous

That should read &quot;a full Gabfest archive,&amp;quo... - This Year

made several appearances in the mainstream media, including a showing on *Good Morning America*. He was dismissed from GameSpot in 2007. His departure triggered a wave of resignations from the site by his close compatriots; with Ryan Davis he launched Giant Bomb, and both Vinny Caravella and Brad Shoemaker joined him shortly thereafter.

### Vinny Caravella

Vinny Caravella began his career in journalism by specializing in video, initially working as a freelance producer in New York. In 2006 he joined GameSpot as a video editor and producer. After Rich Gallup left the site Caravella took over the job of hosting The HotSpot. He departed GameSpot following the exit of Gerstmann and joined Giant Bomb a week later. He has produced some of the gaming media's best video content in the years since.

### Brad Shoemaker

Shoemaker joined GameSpot as an intern in 2000. He later became a feature editor, and then an associate editor. Shoemaker was a regular on GameSpot's weekly shows, On the Spot and The HotSpot. He left GameSpot soon after Gerstmann's departure, and after a short time as a freelancer he joined Giant Bomb.

### Special guests



(Left to right): Alex Navarro, Rich Gallup, Matt Rorie

Tags: 2008, Brad Shoemaker, Gaming, Giant Bomb, Giant Bombcast, Jeff Gerstmann, Ryan Davis, Vinny Caravella, Whiskey Media

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**Thomas** February 13, 2012 at 4:25 PM

Just a small correction: In the special guests lineup, Rich and Alex's names need to be switched.

Other than that, this is awesome. Can't wait till it finishes downloading.

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**This Year** February 13, 2012 at 4:47 PM

Corrected!

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**Anonymous** February 13, 2012 at 5:55 PM

Only 4%? :(

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**Anonymous** February 13, 2012 at 6:04 PM

Great stuff! Little bit short for an amazing podcast though

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**Winternet** March 3, 2012 at 7:53 PM

More awesomeness for my ears. Thanks, duder.

**Witness**  
2013

**Sampler**  
2011; 2012; 2013

**T.M.**

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**Winternet** March 3, 2012 at 7:55 PM

... too bad it's so short :(

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