

George McEncroe

Stand up Comedian/Writer/Broadcaster

Stand up comedian and radio host George McEncroe has had an interesting journey. In 2009 she was nominated for Best Newcomer for her highly successful debut Melbourne International Comedy Festival show *The Georgina Monologues*, which certainly sealed her place amongst the best female comics in Australia.

As well as being part of the breakfast teams on stations Triple M in Brisbane and Mix FM in Melbourne, she has also made many guest appearances on both radio and television, including ABC TV's *Spicks and Specks*, SBS *Insight*, *Tens 9am with David and Kim*, Mick Molloy's *The Nation*, *The Today Show*, *The Catch Up* on Ch 9, Tony Martin's *Get This* Triple M, ABC 774 and Radio National.

George is a mother of four kids. Enough said! After juggling kids, work and play, she has plenty of real life experiences to share with her audiences. Her direct manner, quick humour, warmth and approachability have made her an audience favourite.

George boasts one of the fullest trophy cabinets in town after winning the Austereo Rising Star award, Brisbane's Iron Comic award for stand up comedy and a Goldie award for Best On-Air Performance while co-hosting Triple M's breakfast show *The Cage* in Brisbane. She was also a finalist in the 2004 Search for a Funny Bone Comedy Knockout and a Victorian finalist for Raw Comedy 2005.

George has written for *The Age*, *The Australian*, *The Big Issue* and sketch comedy shows, *The Big Bite* and *Life Support*. She has edited a collection of stories *Listening to The Silences: Women and War*, and also wrote about slow trips and excursions with kids in the book *The Slow Guide to Melbourne*.

George is an accomplished writer, public speaker and performer. She is able to deal with serious issues sensitively and has always been able to find humour in the darkest of circumstances.

Many of her previous jobs would be described as anything but funny. She has been an investigator for The War Crimes Tribunal, a bio-ethicist master's student and researcher at The Mercy Hospital, an English Teacher in Melbourne and Istanbul, a Welfare Coordinator for teenage students and a carer for teenage boys with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Despite being very active she remains 'big-boned'. She doesn't iron, grow herbs or work out. But she'll have a crack at just about anything else.

Friends have described George as 'Geraldine Doogue meets Roseanne Barr'!



George is a versatile performer and is available as an MC, facilitator and for stand up performances.

Radio

- 2009 Guest Co-host Radio National *Australia Talks*.
- 2009 Guest Co-host 774 - *The Conversation Hour* And *Afternoons with Libby Gorr*
- 2008-9 Co-hosting Mix 101.1 FM's *Breakfast Show* in Melbourne with Brigitte Duclos and Tom Gleeson
- 2006-7 Guest appearances on Tony Martin's *Get This* on Triple M Melbourne
- 2005-7 Co-hosted Triple M's breakfast show *The Cage* in Brisbane

Television

- 2009 Regular panellist on ADbc SBS.
- 2009 Guest spokesperson on SBS *Insight*.
- 2009 Guest appearances on ABC TV's *Spicks & Specks*
- 2008-9 Regular guest appearances- *9am with David & Kim*, Ch 10
- 2007 Guest appearance on Ch 9's *The Nation* with Mick Molloy
- 2007 Guest appearances on ABC TV's *Spicks & Specks*
- 2007 Guest appearance on Ch 9's *Today Show*
- 2007 Guest appearance on Ch 9's *The Catch Up*
- 2006 Stand Up performance on *Stand Up Australia* for Foxtel's Comedy Channel

Writing

Contributing Writer, *The Age*, *Saturday Herald Sun*, *The Australian*, *The Big Issue*. Sketch writer for sketch comedy show on Seven, *The Big Bite*. Sketch writer for the SBS comedy show *Life Support*. Chapter writer for book *The Slow Guide to Melbourne* and Editor for *Listening to The Silences: Women and War*

Live Performance

- 2009 Best Newcomer **Melbourne International Comedy Festival** *The Georgina Monologues*.
- 2009 Upfront at **Melbourne Int. Comedy Festival**.
- 2009 **Melbourne Int. Comedy Festival Roadshow**
- 2008 Host for the **Melbourne International Comedy Festival RAW Heats**.
- 2007 Brisbane's Iron Comic Award
- 2005 Victorian Finalist – Raw Comedy
- 2004 Finalist – Search for a Funny Bone

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