

Terri Psiakis

Stand Up Comedian/Writer/Broadcaster

She watched *The Big Gig* from far too young an age and her first stand up spot for a school concert saw her demoralise the tuckshop ladies. She started a radio station at her high school and was often encouraged to take her English essay and debate topics more seriously. Frankly, if Terri Psiakis hadn't gone on to pursue a career in comedy writing, broadcasting and performance, psychologists probably would have had something to say about her obsessive behaviour.

Terri started out as a stand up performer and has appeared on *Rove*, *The Glass House*, *Spicks & Specks*, and ABC TV's *Stand Up!* Her natural, conversational style also came in handy on The Comedy Channel when she hosted backstage interviews for their homegrown show *Stand Up! Australia*.

Terri's first full-length solo stand up show *Terri Psiakis is Available* debuted in 2005 and played a sold-out season as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival to universally rave reviews. It then went on to play in the Adelaide Fringe Festival in 2006. Terri followed this up with another solo show in 2007, aptly titled *Terri Psiakis is Unavailable* which saw her exploring the ups and downs of shacking up with a bloke in the suburbs. The trilogy was then completed in 2008 with *Terri Psiakis has Pending Nuptials* which was quite self explanatory!

Terri will also be familiar to listeners of national youth broadcaster triple j, where she was a regular presenter for over 5 years. She began with a weekly spot on Wil Anderson & Adam Spencer's Breakfast Show, co-hosted Summer Lunchtimes with Ross Noble for two years, filled various summer shifts as "The T & A Show" with Amy Blackmur and presented her own weekly segments, "The Psiakis Files" and "Finishing School", on Robbie Buck's Drive Show. Mind you, this was all during daylight hours – she also spent four years broadcasting a weekly mid-dawn shift. That's a lot of talking to interstate truck drivers.

Terri's flair for broadcasting continued after she left Triple J, hosting the East Coast Weekend Breakfast Show on Triple M: *Toast*, with Justin Hamilton and Charlie Pickering, up until 2009.

Terri is also an accomplished writer, both for television and in print. A 'work experience' writing job offered to her by Rove turned into a permanent gig for over eight years until Rove wrapped up in 2009, she then reprised her role writing for Rove when he returned to the screen in 2011 with *Rove LA* on Foxtel.

Her freelance writing work is also extensive and includes pieces commissioned by The Sunday Age, The Herald Sun, FHM, Wine Selector Magazine and ABC Unleashed. Terri now writes a column for Melbourne City Weekly and her first book, *Tying The Knot Without Doing Your Block*, was released by Random House Australia in 2009.

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The Age

'...one of the best going around....a truly class act.'

Beat Magazine

'...a fun and candid show...warm and relaxed...'

Sunday Herald Sun

Radio

2011	MTR	Afternoons with Glenn Ridge, Guest Co-Host x2
2010	MTR	Steve Vizard Show, Guest
2007 - 2009	Triple M	Weekend Breakfast Show <i>Toast</i> (with Charlie Pickering & Justin Hamilton)
2008	Triple M	2 weeks Drive Show fill in, <i>Toast</i> (with Justin Hamilton & Charlie Pickering)
2007	Triple J	"The Psiakis Files" with Robbie Buck (Weekly Guest Spot)
2006/2007	Triple J	"The T & A Show" Summer Evening Host
2006	Triple J	"Finishing School" with Robbie Buck (Weekly Guest Spot)
2006	Triple R	<i>The Pinch</i> (Guest Spots)
2005/2006	Triple J	Summer Daytime Host (with Ross Noble)
2005	Today Network	Pete's Show (Guest Co-Host with Peter Helliar)
2005	Triple J	Drive Host (1 Week)
2004/2005	Triple J	Summer Daytime Host (with Ross Noble)
2004 - 2005	Triple J	Various Mid-Dawn & Weekend Shifts
2003/2004	Triple J	Summer Breakfast Co-Host (with Justin Hamilton)
2003	Triple J	Breakfast Co-Host (2 Week Guest Role)
2001 – 2004	Triple J	Breakfast (Weekly Comedy Spot)
2001	Triple J	Triple J Weekends (Weekly Guest Spot)
2001 & 2002	Triple R	Various programs (Various Guest Spots)

Writing

2010-12	Metropolis Media Fox 8	City Weekly – Weekly Columnist 2011 Rove LA (Contributing Writer)
2010	Triple M Melbourne	Breakfast Show Writer
2009	Random House Australia	Book: <i>Tying The Knot Without Doing Your Block</i> (Author)
2009	Metropolis Media	City Weekly – Weekly Columnist
2009	ABC: Unleashed	Guest Columnist
2009	FHM	Guest Columnist
2007 – 2009	Ten Network	<i>Rove</i> (Contributing Writer)
2008 & 2009	Selector Magazine	Guest Columnist
2007 & 2008	Saturday Herald Sun	Regular Guest Columnist
2007	Sunday Age	Guest Columnist
2007	Roving Enterprises	<i>rovedaily.com</i> (Contributing Writer)
2006	Fernwood Magazine	Guest Columnist
2006	Ha! Magazine	Guest Columnist
2005	Channel V/3 Mobile	<i>Forget the Rules</i> (Writer)

2005	FHM Magazine	<i>The Mass Debate</i> (Column Contributor)
2004	Nine Network	<i>Comedy Inc 3</i> (Contributing Writer)
2003 & 2004	Ten Network	<i>skitHOUSE</i> (Contributing Writer)
2002-2004	Ten Network	<i>ARIA Awards</i> (Contributing Writer)

You can also find a link to Terri's blog at the top of this page.

Live Shows

2008	<i>Terri Psiakis has Pending Nuptials</i> – Solo Show Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2007	<i>Terri Psiakis is Unavailable</i> – Solo Show Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2006	<i>Terri Psiakis is Available</i> – Solo Show Adelaide Fringe Festival
2005	<i>Terri Psiakis is Available</i> – Solo Show Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2005	<i>Terri Psiakis</i> – Solo Show Adelaide Comedy Festival
2003	<i>Equal Third</i> – with Charlie Pickering & Michael Chamberlin Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2002	<i>Bang Up For It</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2001 – 2006	<i>Upfront</i> – Showcasing the Best Female Comedians Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2001	<i>The Comedy Zone</i> – Showcasing Up-and-Coming Comedians Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2000 – 2001	<i>Elbow Grease</i> – Showcasing Emerging Comedians Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Television

2010	Seven Network	<i>The Ultimate Countdown</i> (Guest)
2010	Seven Network	<i>Australia Versus</i> (Guest)
2007	Comedy Channel	<i>Stand Up! Australia</i> Backstage Interviews (Host)
2007	Comedy Channel	<i>Stand Up! Australia</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2007	ABC TV	<i>Spicks & Specks</i> (Guest Panellist)
2006	Comedy Channel	<i>Stand Up! Australia</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2006	SBS	<i>Insight</i> (Guest Appearance)
2002 – 2006	ABC TV	<i>The Glass House</i> (Guest Panellist x 5)
2001 – 2005	Ten Network	<i>Rove [Live]</i> (Stand Up Appearances x 4)
2005	Ten Network	<i>Rove [Live]</i> (Guest – My Charader)
2005	ABC TV	<i>Spicks & Specks</i> (Guest Panellist x 3)
2004	ABC TV	<i>Stand Up!</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2004	ABC Broadband	<i>Comedy Kitchen</i> (Guest Presenter/Writer)
2001– 2002	ABC TV	<i>Upfront</i> (Stand Up Appearances x 2)
2001	Comedy Channel	<i>Headliners</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2001	Channel 31 (Melb)	<i>Raucous</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2001	SBS	<i>Aussie Jokers</i> (Feature Story)
2000 – 2001	Channel 31 (Melb)	<i>Champagne Comedy</i> (Stand Up Appearances)

1999

ABC TV

Standing Up (Stand Up Appearance)

Other Notable Live Work

Australia Day Eve Debate, Dept of Premier and Cabinet – 2007, 2008 & 2012.

Essendon Football Club Ladies Debate 2007

Comedy Channel – Station Voiceover Artist

Rove McManus Stands Up (Support) - Athenaeum Theatre, Melbourne 2005

Laugh Out Loud Comedy Festival as part of the Benalla Festival 2005

Stand Up for The Smith Family – Gala Benefit 2005

Stagetime Christmas Show (supporting Flight of the Conchords) Dec 2004

Armidale Women's Comedy Festival 2004

Class Clowns Workshop Presenter – Melbourne Comedy Festival 2004

Show Us Your Roots – Canberra Multicultural Festival 2004

The Hump – Get Over It (with Justin Hamilton & Adam Richard) Oct 2003

Stand Up For Your Rights – Amnesty International Gala Benefit 2003 & 2004

Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow 2002, 2003 & 2004

Apollo Bay Music Festival 2002

Falls Festival 2001

** Terri has also made numerous stand up appearances on campus and in pubs & clubs across Australia.

Corporate & Voice Over

Various clients including The Comedy Channel, Mount Gambier Tennis Club, Newcastle Young Achievers Luncheon, Pascoe Vale Girls Secondary College, DDB Needham, Knox City Council, Mitre Ten, Amnesty International Tasmania, Australian Services Union, Risky Business – Comedy Quest (Mentoring), Village Green, Melbourne University – Union Arts, Melbourne Girls College, Australian College of Midwives, Express Media, Australian Health Services Financial Management Association, East Burwood Football Club, Westbourne Grammar, Lindisfarne Foundation, Victorian Association of Girls State Schools & Dig Marketing.

Awards

2004 Nominated for Best Comedian TREV Campus Activities Awards

2001 Winner thecomedychannel's 'Search For A Stand-Up'

1995 & 1996 Winner Campus Activities Victoria Comedy Comp: Best Female

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