

# RACHEL BERGER

COMEDIAN  
MC  
PRESENTER  
AUTHOR

## 2008 BIOGRAPHY

"It is the offbeat observation, the incisive knack of showing up everyday events for the ludicrous pantomimes they really are that separate the women from the girls. In this department Rachel Berger is a real Star..."

THE GUARDIAN, London

"Berger is a whirling dervish of wit, revelation and philosophy."

THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

**RACHEL BERGER** is one of Australia's most highly regarded, adept, and adaptive comedic talents, working variously as a comedian, broadcaster, novelist, columnist, agitator and television entertainer. Political, passionate and armed only with her material, Rachel has been prowling the stand-up circuit like a tigress for 21 years. She's taken four solo shows to the Edinburgh Festival and her dynamic presence and engagingly sharp observations have made her an extremely popular performer both live and on television, across Australia and overseas. Her debut novel for Penguin, *Whaddya Mean You're Allergic To Rubber?*, sold out faster than Judas.

### RACHEL'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

#### 2008

- **Hold The Pickle:** One woman show (*written & performed by Rachel Berger*) at La Mama Theatre, Carlton. Season (12 shows) *sold out* and extended. Upcoming season by popular demand at Chapel off Chapel in October.
- **ABC Radio Melbourne 774:** Presenter for 6 weeks over December/January for Breakfast slot.

#### 2007

- **Miss (you) Melbourne** – (4 nights) an evening of comedy from some of Australia's best-known female comedians who have all at one time or another been nurtured, embraced or inspired by the city of Melbourne.
- Performed **Perfect (2007 version)** at Riverway Arts Centre Thuringowa, Queensland.
- **Blasphemy** – special guest performer at exhibition launch at Burrinja Gallery Upwey, Victoria

#### 2006

- **Loose Cannon** – one woman show at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival (18 shows), sponsored by **WorkSafe** Victoria. Also 7 shows as part of Cracker Comedy Festival in Sydney and several performances throughout regional NSW.
- **Department of the Premier and Cabinet, South Australia** – hosted public forum on
- **Climate Change** with leading Climate Change expert and **Adelaide Thinker in Residence, Stephen Schneider.**
- **CPA Speed Networking** – hosted event for **Victoria's Small Business Festival.**

#### 2005

- **Clenched Buttocks** – **sell out season, (10 nights) of one-woman show** at Carlton Courthouse. Arts Victoria, City of Melbourne and Kolm-Exiner proudly supported **Clenched Buttocks.** Kolm-Exiner aims to support and nurture artists' endeavors to create new and innovative work.
- Brotherhood of St Laurence **Refugee Employment Program** – special guest performer at Business Breakfast.
- Bendigo Community Health Service–special guest performer at **positive living expo** for women with the overall aim **to reduce the harm associated with gambling.**



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- **Show Us Your Roots** – 12 Shows at The Drama Theatre - Sydney Opera House
- **BMW Ladies Lunch 2004 Melbourne Grand Prix** – special Guest performance.
- **Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development Victoria** – special Guest performance

### 2003

- Wrote & performed **Clenched Buttocks** a work-in-progress, as part of The 2003 Melbourne International Festival's, Behind The Scenes program.
- **Radio** – Guest Breakfast Announcer Austereo Perth, **Mix 94.5**
- Tour of one-woman show **Perfect** through regional Victoria as part of Regional Arts Victoria program 2003.
- Hosted the inaugural **Mitchell Shire Business Awards** for Mitchell Shire Council.
- Wrote and performed **Perfect**, her sell out one woman show, at the Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival and Glen Street Theatre Sydney
- Hosted the inaugural Australian Home Beautiful Awards
- Appointed Libraries Ambassador for Libraries Victoria
- Regular guest on **Richard Stubbs Breakfast Show** on MIX FM
- Regular guest on the Ten Network's **Good Morning Australia** with Bert Newton.
- Commenced writing a weekly column in The Age newspaper, This Life.
- Published debut novel **Whaddya Mean You're Allergic To Rubber?** which was to become a best-seller for Penguin books
- Wrote and performed **Moist**, a sell out one-woman show, at Adelaide Fringe Festival.
- Wrote and performed **Not Kosher**, a sell out one-woman show at Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Regular guest on the Ten Network's **Good Morning Australia** with Bert Newton
- Co-wrote and narrated **Two Equals One**, an educational video on marriage for the Department of Family & Community Services
- Hosted **Upfront** (a night of all women comics) for Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Recorded for ABC TV.
- Wrote and performed in **Diversity Works**, an educational video for the Council for Equal Opportunity In Employment.
- Special Guest performer at **ALP Women's' National Conference**, Tasmania.

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### 1997-1998

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### 1989-1997

- Hosted **Fifty Years of Immigration**, a concert with Prime Minister Paul Keating and Senator Nick Bolkus to celebrate Australian Immigration
- Wrote and performed sell out one woman shows, **The She Comic**, **Comedy Siren** and **Berger Republic**
- **Special guest performer - An evening with Rachel Berger** - at the **National Press Club**, Canberra
- National University Award for **Most Popular Campus Comedy Act**
- Four sell-out one-woman shows at The Edinburgh Festival, 1989-1990-1992-1994

### RACHEL'S MEDIA CREDITS INCLUDE:

- Appearing on **Rove-Live**, **The Glass House**, **Good Morning Australia with Bert Newton**, **Good News Week**, **World Series Debating**, **Tonite Live**, **The Big Gig**, **The Midday Show**, **Hey Hey It's Saturday** and **Denton**
- Hosting **UPFRONT** an all women line-up show as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival for **ABC TV**.
- Co-hosting the 1996 special, **Comic Relief**, a live to air special on the Nine Network
- Featuring on **Punchlines**, a documentary about twenty years of Australian comedy and **The Smallest Room in the House**, ABC-TV
- Regular guest on **The Conversation Hour** with Jon Faine, ABC Radio 774
- Writing for *The Age*, *Sunday Age*, *Sunday Herald Sun* as well as national magazines such as *New Woman* and *Rolling Stone*.

For Further reviews and information, please visit Rachel's website, [www.rachelberger.com](http://www.rachelberger.com)

