



## **JEAN KITSON**

A multi-talented performer and writer, Jean Kittson is one of Australia's best known and most popular comedians, amusing audiences in theatre, film, print, on radio and television.

Jean made her comedy debut at Melbourne's legendary comedy venue Le Joke in a series of solo performances, and then in the stage version of **LET THE BLOOD RUN FREE**. This show later became a television series for Network 10 and Britain's Channel Four, and was distributed world-wide.

Jean earned national fame through ABC TV's **THE BIG GIG** as a comic chameleon, with characters as diverse as Veronica Glenhantley the lovelorn newsreader; Candida the new-age aerobics instructor; Rose McCloud, the acerbic air hostess and many others. Following this success, Jean teamed up with Maryanne Fahey to become the first female comedians to have their own show on Australian TV, **KITSON FAHEY**, which won a Silver Medal at the New York Television Festival.

Also for television, Jean starred in Channel 9's comedy series **FLAT CHAT**, was a regular guest on **GOOD NEWS WEEK** and **THE GLASSHOUSE** and a presenter of the ABC's **MEDIA DIMENSIONS** program. She is also well known for her lively comedy debates in **THE GREAT DEBATE SERIES**. Recently Jean has become a regular guest on ABC TV's **THE EINSTEIN FACTOR** and Channel 7's **THE MORNING SHOW**.

In 1990 Jean starred in the David Williamson play **SIREN**. In 1991 and 1992 she starred with Glynn Nicholas and Philip Scott in **THE BIG GIGGLE**, a stage version of the TV show. In 1995 Jean wrote and performed her own one-woman play **ESCAPE**, and other theatre highlights include **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**, **THE NIGHT OF THE MISSING BRIDEGROOM** and **BEHIND THE MASK**. Jean also performed **LOVE LETTERS** with Glynn Nicholas for the Melbourne Arts Festival and revisited the role in 2003 at the Noosa Arts and Cultural Festival with the late Campbell McComas. In 2008 Jean starred in the highly acclaimed national tour of **MUM'S THE WORD 2: TEENAGERS**.

On radio Jean has been a writer and performer with Sydney's **2DAY FM**, a regular guest on **ABC's 702** with Richard Glover and a breakfast presenter with **MIX 106.5**.

Jean has amused audiences in print with columns in **NEW WEEKLY MAGAZINE**, the **SUNDAY TELEGRAPH MAGAZINE**, and **THE (SYDNEY) MAGAZINE**, a monthly supplement with The Sydney Morning Herald. She has appeared in a number of television commercials and in 1998 published a collection of humorous observations titled **TONGUE LASHING** which became a Penguin best-seller.

Jean has also appeared in many feature films, among them Bill Bennett's **THE NUGGET** in 2002, and in 2005 **HATING ALISON ASHLEY**, starring opposite Delta Goodrem.

Jean is currently in development on a new novel and radio show for the ABC, and continues to be a highly sort after speaker on the corporate circuit.

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