

Ray Matsen

Summary

I'm a professional comedy writer with over 20 years experience on sketch & narrative TV shows such as *True Story with Hamish & Andy* and *Kinne Tonight*, light entertainment programs like *Spicks & Specks* and *Hughesy We Have a Problem* plus radio, print, online shows and much more. As Head Writer on *Rove*, *Adam Hills in Gordon Street Tonight*, *This Week Live* and the award winning ABC kid's sketch series *You're Skitting Me* I've managed rooms full of writers, and other creatives, and always work well under pressure and to a deadline.

Experience

Jan 2020 – Present

Writer

The Christian O'Connell Breakfast Show on Gold 104 Melbourne

- Creating topical jokes and segment ideas for Christian's show every weekday morning

Jan 2020

Writer

Kinne Tonight (Series 2) - 10 Network (Sketch show)

- Sketch & joke writing

Aug 2019 – Oct 2019

Head Writer

The Spicks & Specks 2019/20 Specials - ABC (Celebrity comedy music quiz)

- Developing game ideas, writing jokes and questions for host, finalising and preparing script for autocue overseeing writers.

Apr 2019 – May 2019

Writer

Tutto Benne – CSI Educational (Online Educational Comedy Series)

- Brainstorming and developing ideas and writing scripts for 2 series of 13x7 minute episodes of a narrative comedy series that teaches Italian to beginners.

Mar 2019 – August 2019

Writer

The Christian O'Connell Breakfast Show on Gold 104 Melbourne

- Creating topical jokes and segment ideas for Christian's show every weekday morning

Jan 2019

Writer

Kinne Tonight (Series 1) - 10 Network
(Sketch show)

- Sketch & joke writing

Nov 2018 – Mar 2019

Writer

Show Me The Movie (Series 2) - Blink TV - 10 Network
(Celebrity comedy movie quiz)

- Brainstorming & developing game ideas and writing jokes for host and celebrity contestants.

2018

Question Writer

Pointless – Endemol Shine Australia - 10 Network
(Nightly game show)

- Researching and writing questions.

2018

Writer/ Script Editor

Spicks & Specks Reunion Special – ABC
(Celebrity comedy music quiz)

- Developing game ideas, writing jokes and questions for host, finalising and preparing script for autocue overseeing writers.

2018

Writer

Tonightly with Tom Ballard - ABC
(Satirical current affairs show)

- Writing topical monologue jokes and sketches

2018

Writer

Show Me The Movie (Series 1) - Blink TV - 10 Network
(Celebrity comedy movie quiz)

- Developing game ideas and writing jokes for host and celebrity contestants.

2018

Writer/ Segment Development

Hughesy We Have a Problem - Screentime - 10 Network
(Celebrity comedy solving viewer problems)

- Developing segment ideas and writing jokes for host and guest celebrities.

2017

Writer

True Story with Hamish & Andy (Series 2) - Radio Karate - 9 Network
(Narrative live action comedy series)

- Viewing Hamish & Andy's filmed interview with story teller, condensing story into half hour episode and writing 1st draft of filmed scenes.
Writing subsequent drafts according to producer notes.
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2017

Writer

Larry The Wonderpup - The Chocolate Liberation Front - 7TWO
(Half hour live action and animated narrative children's series)

- Developing stories & writing outlines. Writing 1st draft and subsequent drafts following producer notes.

2017

Writer/ Vision Editor/ Voice Artist

When TV Was Awesome (Series 2) - ABC & iView
(Comedy re-voice series)

- Researching old ABC footage to be re-voiced for comic effect. Writing 1st draft based on footage and doing a rough edit of found footage on Adobe Premiere. Performing various voices on final sketches.

2017

Writer/ Researcher

Ask The Doctor (Series 1) - WTFN - ABC
(Light medical documentary series)

- Researching and developing segments, writing scripts and inserting jokes where needed.

2017

Writer/ Script Editor

Behave Yourself - Eureka Productions - 7 Network
(Celebrity comedy quiz show)

- Researching and developing game and segment ideas, writing jokes for host and guest celebrities, finalising and preparing script for autocue.

2016/17

Writer

True Story with Hamish & Andy (Series 1) - Radio Karate - 9 Network
(Narrative live action comedy series)

- Viewing Hamish & Andy's filmed interview with story teller, condensing story into half hour episode and writing 1st draft of filmed scenes. Writing subsequent drafts according to producer notes.

2016

Head Writer/ Animation Director

You're Skitting Me (Series 3) - CJZ - ABC 3

(Half hour live action and animated teenage sketch series)

- As Head Writer: Developing character and sketch ideas, coordinating submissions from external writers and editing final scripts. Attending production meetings to answer questions on casting, props, costumes and locations.
- As Animation Director: Developing animated characters and sketches, and writing scripts. Directing voice actors while recording dialogue. Drawing characters, animating sketches with Toon Boom Harmony, coordinating other animators and exporting for final sound and vision edits by CJZ.

2015- Present

Creator/ Writer

Channel 2Trillion - Online

(Satirical blog)

- Writing satirical articles, drawing cartoons and creating other humorous content. Development of website with Wordpress and creating images and vision using programs such as Adobe Premiere and Photoshop.

2014-16

Host Writer/ Contestant Producer/ Script Editor/ Question Writer

Family Feud – Fremantle Media Australia – 10 Network

(Nightly game show)

- Talking to families and working up their on-air stories. Working closely with host to develop jokes and chat based on contestant stories. Preparing script for autocue and feeding host lines, via coms, during record. Shooting 5 shows a night. Writing questions.

2014

Head Writer

This Week Live – Roving Enterprises - 10 Network

(Live weekly satirical panel and sketch series)

- Coordinating a room of writers and overseeing meetings to develop topical jokes and sketches. Attending production meetings and running through script with lawyers. Finalising and preparing script for autocue.

2013

Head Writer/ Animator

You're Skitting Me (Series 2) – CJZ - ABC 3

(Half hour live action and animated teenage sketch series)

- As Head Writer: Developing character and sketch ideas, coordinating submissions from external writers and editing final scripts. Attending production meetings to answer questions on props, costumes and locations.
- As Animator: Developing animated characters and sketches, and writing scripts. Directing voice actors recording dialogue. Drawing characters, animating sketches with Toon Boom Harmony for final sound and vision edits by CJZ.

2012

Writer

Problems with Sam Simmons - ABC

(4x30min sketch series)

- Developing characters and writing sketches.

2011-12

Head Writer

Adam Hills in Gordon Street Tonight - ABC

(Talk and sketch series involving audience stories & celebrity guests)

- Researching audience surveys and developing segments and sketches based on their stories. Coordinating a room of writers and segment producers and overseeing meetings to develop jokes and sketches based on stories. Working closely with host developing jokes and guest

interviews. Attending production meetings, finalising and preparing script for autocue.

2011

Head Writer/ Animator

You're Skitting Me (Series 2) – CJZ - ABC 3

(Half hour live action and animated teenage sketch series)

- As Head Writer: Developing character and sketch ideas, coordinating submissions from external writers and editing final scripts. Attending production meetings to answer questions on casting, props, costumes and locations.
- As Animator: Developing animated characters and sketches, and writing scripts. Directing voice actors recording dialogue. Drawing characters, animating sketches with Toon Boom Harmony for final sound and vision edits by CJZ.

2009-11

Writer

Spicks & Specks – ABC

(Celebrity comedy music quiz)

- Developing game ideas, writing jokes for host, finalising and preparing script for autocue.

2010

Producer/ Director/ Camera/ Editor

The Johnny Cant Function – Marion Matsen Productions - Online

(Comedy Web Series)

- Directing, producing, filming and editing sketches written and performed by Jason Marion

2005-09

Head Writer

Rove Live/ Rove - Roving Enterprises - 10 Network

(Live or as live weekly, topical talk variety and sketch show)

- Coordinating a room of writers and overseeing meetings to develop topical jokes and sketches. Finalising and preparing script for autocue. (Approximately 40x1hr episodes per year).

2006

Writer

Real Stories with Hamish & Andy – Roving Enterprises - 10 Network

(Documentary human interest comedy series)

- Developing characters and stories, writing 1st drafts of stories.

2005

Writer/ Presenter/ Panel Operator

The Brian Munich & Friends Radio Show - Triple R Melbourne

(Radio talk & sketch show)

- Presenting and panel operating a 2-hour live, Sunday afternoon radio program. Writing, recording and editing audio sketches for broadcast.

2004

Actor

Kath & Kim S3 (Episode: Cactus Hour) - ABC
(Narrative comedy series)

- Several scenes playing Brett's work colleague.

2004

Writer/ Co-Producer

Hamish & Andy - 7 Network
(Sketch series)

- Part of writing/ producing team developing topical jokes and sketches.

2003

Writer/Presenter

Nova 100 Summer Breakfast Show - Nova 100 Melbourne
(Commercial radio show)

- Part of on air duo with Meshel Laurie presenting a 3-hour breakfast radio show x 3 weeks. Also writing and performing sketches for the show.

2003

Writer/Presenter

Sunday Bloody Sunday - Nova 100 Melbourne
(Commercial radio show)

- Part of on air duo with Meshel Laurie presenting a weekly 3-hour afternoon radio show x 4 weeks. Also writing and performing sketches for the show.

2003

Writer

Comedy Inc. - 9 Network
(Sketch series)

- Writing topical and generic sketches for 1 hour weekly sketch show.

2002-03

Writer/ OB Presenter

The Hughesy, Kate & Dave Breakfast Show - Nova 100 Melbourne
(Commercial radio show)

- Writing sketches & imaging/ Presenter of live crosses to Fear Factor segment

2001

Writer/Performer

The Big Schmooze - thecomedychannel
(As live weekly, topical talk variety and sketch show)

- Part of writing/ performing team developing topical jokes and sketches.

2001

Writer/Performer

Russell Gilbert Was Here - 9 Network
(Sketch series)

- Part of writing/ performing team developing jokes and sketches.

2000

Writer/Performer

Russell Gilbert Live - 9 Network

(Live weekly, topical talk variety and sketch show)

- Part of writing/ performing team developing topical jokes and sketches.

2000

Writer/ Producer/ Performer/ Camera/ Editor

Brian Munich & Friends - Channel 31

(6 episode sketch series)

- Part of writing/ performing team developing jokes and sketches performing then editing program.

1998

Writer

The Big News & The Late Report - 7 Network

(Topical Sketch Series)

- Part of writing team developing topical jokes and sketches.

1998

Writer

Totally Full Frontal -10 Network

(Sketch series)

- Writing topical and generic sketches for 1 hour weekly sketch show.

1998

IMT (In Melbourne Tonight) - 9 Network

(Talk, variety, sketch series)

- Writing topical and generic sketches for 1-hour weekly sketch show.

1997

Writer

Full Frontal - 7 Network

(Sketch series)

- Writing topical and generic sketches for 1-hour weekly sketch show.

Education

1 year full time – Audio Operations (Perth College WA)

Audio operations – Panel Operating – Audio editing

2 year full time – Film & TV Production & Design (Perth College WA)

TVC Production - TV Camera Operations - Lighting Design - Product Illustration – Advertising – Storyboarding - Creative Writing for Screen – Copywriting - Design Visual Literacy - Art History - Photo Design - Animation - Computer Literacy - Media Technologies - Post Production

Programs

- Word
- Final Draft
- Adobe Premiere

- Photoshop
- Toon Boom Harmony (Animation Software)
- Wordpress (Web page development)

Awards

ACCTA Nomination – Best Children’s Television Series 2017

YOU'RE SKITTING ME S3 - Head Writer

ACCTA Nomination – Best Children’s Television Series 2013

YOU'RE SKITTING ME S2 - Head Writer

Logie Nomination – Most Outstanding Children’s Program 2012

YOU'RE SKITTING ME S1- Head Writer

Logie - Most Popular Presenter Adam Hills 2011

SPICKS & SPECKS & GORDON STREET - Writer/ Head Writer

Logie – Most Outstanding Light Entertainment Program 2010

SPICKS & SPECKS - Writer

Logie - Most Popular Light Entertainment Program 2005/ 2007/ 2009

ROVE - Head Writer

Barry Award for Best Show - Melbourne Int Comedy Festival 2001

BRIAN MUNICH & FRIENDS – Writer/Performer

The Age Newspaper Critics Award - Melbourne Int Comedy Festival 2001

BRIAN MUNICH & FRIENDS – Writer/Performer

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