

JOAN RIVERS Biography

Joan Rivers is a successful business woman, author, comedienne, actress, playwright, guest-speaker, mother and grandmother but is, perhaps, best known to audiences for her Emmy Award winning television show...The Joan Rivers Show.

The first sole, permanent guest host of "The Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson," Rivers currently hosts E! Entertainment Television's "Fashion Police" and live, pre-show commentary for the Academy Awards, Golden Globe Awards, Emmy Awards and Grammy Awards telecasts...as well as other "red carpet" events...along with her daughter, Melissa.

In addition to all of her other accomplishments, Rivers has had unprecedented success with the sale of her Joan Rivers Classics Collection of jewelry, Now & Forever fragrance, Joan Rivers Results skin-care line and Joan Rivers Beauty body treatment, make-up and fragrance selections, all of which are available on QVC.

The author of eight books, Rivers also hosted her own radio show for five years (two hours of talk radio that aired weeknights on WOR in New York and was nationally syndicated in over 40 markets.)

In August 2001, Rivers scored a comic victory with her one-woman show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. The public and critical success of the Festival appearance led her to the Royal Theatre Haymarket where her April, 2002 engagements of "Broke 'n Alone in London," once again, garnered critical praise and earned Rivers the first standing ovation at the Theatre in fourteen years. Rivers' triumphant return to London in June, 2002 was due to her "hottest ticket in town" status.

Credits:

Television:

1966-67	Candid Camera (writer)
1969-71	That Show (writer/star; 260 half-hour shows; NBC)
1973	The Girl Most Likely To (writer; ABC)
1983-86	The Tonight Show (first permanent guest host)
1984	LWT's An Evening With
1985	Joan Rivers and Friends Salute Heidi Abromowitz (Showtime)
1986	Joan Rivers: Can We Talk? (host; 6 one-hour specials; BBC)
1986-87	The Late Show Starring Joan Rivers (launches Fox Network)
1987-89	Hollywood Squares (center square)
1989-94	The Joan Rivers Show (nationally syndicated)
1990-91	Gossip, Gossip, Gossip (USA Networks)
1990	How to Murder a Millionaire (MOW; CBS)
1992	Lady Boss (MOW)
1994	Tears and Laughter: The Joan and Melissa Rivers Story (MOW; NBC)
1994	Can We Shop? (nationally syndicated)
1996-	Host of E! Entertainment Television's Fashion Police and live, pre-show commentary for the Oscar, Emmy, Golden Globe and Grammy Award telecasts
1998-99	Guest appearances on Suddenly Susan and Another World
2001	E! True Hollywood Story

Radio:

1997-2002	The Joan Rivers Show (WOR/national syndication)
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Books:

1974 Having a Baby Can be a Scream
1984 The Life and Hard Times of Heidi Abromowitz
1986 Enter Talking (#2 on the New York Times best-seller list in just 2 weeks)
1991 Still Talking
1995 Jewelry By Joan Rivers
1997 Bouncing Back (Wall Street Journal and USA Today best-seller lists, among others)
1998 From Mother to Daughter; Thoughts and Advice on Life, Love and Marriage
1999 Don't Count the Candles: Just Keep the Fire Lit

Feature Films:

1969 The Swimmer (with Burt Lancaster)
1978 Rabbit Test (writer/director)
1984 The Muppets Take Manhattan (cameo)
1987 Mel Brooks' Spaceballs (voice of Dot Matrix)
1989 Look Who's Talking (co-wrote/performed voice of the baby)
1994 Serial Mom (with Kathleen Turner)
1998 Goosed (with Jennifer Tilly)
2000 L'Intern

Theatre:

1973-76.1 Fun City (co-writer/star)
1988 Neil Simon's Broadway Bound
1994 Sally Marr and Her Escorts (co-writer/star; Tony Award nominee for Best Actress)

Miscellaneous:

1973-76.1 Chicago Tribune (wrote thrice-weekly column)
1983 What Becomes a Semi Legend Most? (Grammy Award nominated comedy album)
1996 Shopping for Fitness (ABC Home Video)
1999-2000 McCall's (wrote mother/daughter advice column with daughter, Melissa)

Awards:

1980 CLIO Award for Best Performance in a Television Commercial (Firestone)
1984 Harvard Hasting Pudding Woman of the Year
1986 Harvard Instant Pudding Award
1987 & 91 JIMMY Award (named after comedian, Jimmy Durante)
1989 Honored with a "star" on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
1990 Emmy Award for Outstanding Talk/Service Show Host (The Joan Rivers Show)
1997 ACE Award (Accessories Council's Award of Excellence for her jewelry collection on QVC)

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