



Andre King.

Height 193 cm

MC/Entertainer Biography

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Andre King is a professional comedian who has headlined the comedy industries top theatres throughout the United Kingdom, Europe and Asia. He currently resides in New Zealand where he is regular on our television screens having appeared in local productions 'Auckland Daze' & 'The Almighty Johnsons' and has recently finished work as 'Peckham' in the BBC America TV series 'Tatau' (available February 2015).

He has performed alongside such comedy luminaries as Jimmy Carr, Lee Evans and Bill Bailey and for three years running Andre has been the keynote speaker for the Carbine Club luncheon at the Hong Kong Jockey Club which marks the beginning of the Hong Kong Sevens Tournament.

His performances have been welcomed by many industries within the corporate field including BNZ, Carter Holt Harvey and Goldman Sachs. He has also performed for the NZ All Blacks, The New Zealand Warriors rugby league team and in 2012, headlined for the NZ & Australian Olympic House in London during the London Olympics.

A former member of the NZ military, Andre has performed for many of the branches of the armed services in New Zealand and the United Kingdom including the illustrious Household Cavalry in Windsor who are the personal guards of Queen Elizabeth II.

His sold out show during the 2012 Edinburgh Fringe 'An Audience With The King', garnered five star reviews and prompted Joanna Alpern of Broadway Baby to compose the phrase 'Endearing, hilariously caricatured impressions and accents. Comedy at its most sincere and civilised! Kings quick fire one liners coupled with incisive observations have been ingeniously melded with on the nail' mimicry of accents. Andre presents a style of comedy that is intentionally free of cursing and operates seamlessly without the need to degenerate into the more base topics so many comedians have built a career upon. This has proved to be a formula for success overseas and one he has brought home to introduce to the greater New Zealand public.

Testimonials.

RE: Trucks&Trailers Auckland Christmas Function 2016.

Testimonials continued...

Dear Andre,

I would like to thank you for the great night of entertainment that you provided at our Auckland 2016 Christmas function.

You mingled well with the crowd to get to know them and gauge their level of humour that you then applied well. It was great to see you participate in the karaoke and also encourage others to do the same. The staff all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the humour that you provided.

I would have no hesitation in booking your services again or recommending you to others.

Kelly Henshaw

Service Manager

I am a Trustee of Friends of Fiji Heart Foundation, I retained the services of Andre King as MC for our fundraising event held at The Pullman in Auckland city. The event catered to 600 persons, of multiple religions and cultural backgrounds, Many of whom are part of the top cardio thoracic surgery teams in the world, in addition to various titans of industry who were in attendance. We knew this was going to be a difficult task for the MC which is why we opted to hire a professional.

Within seconds of taking the stage as the MC, Andre King had the crowd in fits of laughter. He set the stage afire with his passion and his confidence. Something which could not have been achieved without the empathy and insight he displayed to us in the weeks leading up to the event. His careful study of our unique position and how to present it in the best possible light saved us all a lot of time that would have been whittled away, fretting about the choices made. Andre King showed the benefit of his involvement, with good judgement and delivered a performance that most certainly exceeded our expectations. Our Charity raised over\$150, 000 on the night and I consider Andre King 's role in all this was immense.

Kirit Patel

Trustee, Friends of Fiji Heart Foundation

Andre was the host and MC for our school 's Comedy Club fundraiser this year. Andre was great to deal with, super speedy communication via email and really happy to help us out where we needed. As an MC and host for the night Andre was flawless, he held the gig together, provided a smooth transition between the acts and was excellent at managing the crowd. Andre was happy to work with us to plug the various fundraising activities we had running on the evening - which in our experience with other guest speakers hasn 't always been the case. I would highly recommend Andre if you are looking for someone to assist you in putting on a similar event.

Testimonials continued...

- Laura Chamberlain, Trustee, Friends of St Joseph's

We highly recommend Andre King, he has the ability to genuinely improve any event you may be planning.

We have all heard "brilliantly funny" and that he is, even more though, Andre is also incredibly clever. He captivated and amused a large group of diverse personalities, exceeding all expectations.

It is challenging to get a majority of our staff to agree at the best of times and yet Andre easily held the audience with his sheer talent and kept everyone interested, a truly humorous entertainer.

The consensus is clear, simply an "excellent night, very funny", thank you Andre.

Both personally and professionally a pleasure to deal with.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Kelley Jones - Mason Contractors Ltd

I have utilized Andre King as an MC and a comedian for both corporate and private events, and it is with great pleasure that I write a reference for him.

Andre's performances have been nothing short of world class and those in attendance always comment positively for days after. Andre has a natural ability to command a room. but in a very relaxed and subtle manner. Andre's delivery is well pitched for the audience, and his scope is well suited for many different occasions and situations.

I thoroughly recommend him for any corporate or private events. He is very charming on and off stage, and displayed a wide topical knowledge, and also insight and research into the audience he is speaking to. That level of intelligence alone puts him a cut above most comedians.

Andre has never failed to help strengthen our corporate brand positioning, or to become the pivotal success of a private function.

A rare talent. I thoroughly recommend.

Tony Jenks Director

The Icehouse is committed to creating a high performing New Zealand economy where ideas and businesses thrive. We believe that to unleash the economic potential, we need to lift the capabilities and aspirations of owners, entrepreneurs and people who run start-up and SME businesses to enable them to take the business further.

Testimonials continued...

In my role as Relationship Manager I am always on the look-out for inspirational speakers, musicians, entertainers etc.

Last year I went to a comedy evening put on by the Paddington Pub and Andre King was in the line-up and I thought he was the best comedian that evening. I have engaged Andre twice as an after-dinner comedian and he really connects with his audience. He is a master mimic, adopting different accents easily. What I particularly like is his 'clean' comedy which is both hilarious and appropriate.

I would have no hesitation in recommending Andre to anyone who is looking for a stand-up comedian. Along with being funny he is also professional. He created a very welcome vibe in the room and after his session to stayed for a while to engage with all the guests.

Raewyn Goodwin

Relationship Manager

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"Amazing to deal with, very well organised and Andre kept us well informed every step of the way which in turn made organising this from our end a breeze. The feedback from everyone that attended was fantastic and the show was very well tailored to the members that came and also to Mosgiel (township)"

Bec Ruthven

Mosgiel RSA 10 September 2016

I am just writing to confirm your wonderful efforts for the Carbine Club of Hong Kong. As you know, you appeared at three of our annual Rugby Sevens lunches in succession and also one of our International Races Luncheons a couple of years back. Our members and guests were delighted with your presentation and your humour. You were, in fact, one of the best received speakers we have had in my time in the Hong Kong Carbine Club (and that dates from 1998). As we discussed, the club's events usually don't allow for speakers to return all that quickly and the fact that you were invited to do the rugby event three years in a row speaks volumes. I am sure that, with a little more water under the bridge, the new committee will be in touch about a return. - Bruce Stinson, Carbine Club of Hong Kong