



Mike Havoc.

Height 179 cm

MC/Entertainer Biography
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Energetic, intense and a just a little bit manic; dj and TV presenter Mike Havoc loves the fact he gets paid to be himself. But behind that boisterous stage name lurks a quieter side. The semi-vegetarian also practices the holistic art of kinesiology, and dreams of owning his own telescope to indulge his passion for stargazing.

Mike's not one to fly under anybody's radar. From his days as lead singer of rock band Push Push to his latest TV ratings winner Top Town, the self described "roaring, hooting, optimistic North Shore boy" has been pumping up the volume on New Zealand's entertainment scene for the past two decades. He's a hard man to pigeon hole: he's best known as the voice of breakfast radio on student station bfm, but retail assistant, club dj and businessman (he owned Auckland nightclub Squid for five years and was behind the successful Oonst dance parties) are also on his busy CV.

His name is in the credits of more than 300 original TV shows, including top-raters Havoc, and Havoc and Newsboy's Sellout Tour, while his live remake of the classic quiz show, It's In the Bag, sold out at the AK03 festival.

Opinionated and astute, Mike's not afraid to stand up for what he believes in. In his words, If it's worth shouting about, I'll make some noise.

His work on a youth suicide awareness campaign won him a Qantas media award 1999, and as spokesman for the Great New Zealand Vote Party he helped raise political awareness among young voters. Comedian Robin Williams, controversial rocker Marilyn Manson, and Australian actress Nicole Kidman are just some of the stars on Mike's extensive interview list. He also instigated bfm's longest-running regular interview slot, the weekly Prime Ministerial chat, on his breakfast show. However, he's just as happy yarning away with Joe Public, and his latest documentary, Are you my tribe? is an attempt to get to know several local Maori iwi.

A natural crowd pleaser, Mike's experience and improvisation skills make him a sought-after MC. He'll follow the format but has never needed a script; while hosting the Wellington premiere of The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, his lively banter kept the 20,000-strong crowd entertained for three hours.

When not filming for TV or behind the mike at bfm, he's indulging his passion for fireworks - responsibly of course - and he dreams of running away to join French pyrotechnic experts, Group F.

His music collection is sizeable, but the things that take up the most space at home are his toys. Visitors are unlikely to miss the 2.5 metre Buzz Lightyear doll, the Mohammed Ali pinball machine, the robot dogs and his extensive collection of masks. While dusting them all he gives his vocal cords a workout belting out favourites from indie rockers Jane's Addiction. However, some days he just likes to chill out at the beach or by his imaginary pool (an Olympic sized one is on his Christmas list), watch nature documentaries, or listen to the local birdlife.

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