



Jaquie Brown.

Height 165 cm

MC/Entertainer Biography
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She's chatted up musicians from underneath a piano, had chocolate smeared on her cleavage, and talked to a woman who put nappies on her pet parrot; media it-girl Jaquie Brown doesn't do dull and standard.

You'll know Jaquie from TV3 current affairs show Campbell Live, where she put her own quirky spin on the programme's human interest stories. You've probably also laughed at her comic antics on her TV3 show, The Jaquie Brown Diaries. She's also a popular MC and host at corporate events, charming audiences with her sparkling wit and off-the-cuff approach.

London-born Jaquie was 15 when she moved to New Zealand with her family. While studying for a degree in photography, she made her first foray into the media as a volunteer dj for Auckland student radio station bfm. Eventually her skills were duly noted (and paid for) and Jaquie became the channel's first female talkback host, winning a nomination in 1998 for best new radio broadcaster.

Undaunted by hard work, she moved on to double as creative and programme director as well as dj for Auckland station George FM for several years, before hitting the nation's TV screens as co-host of TV2's live music show Space. Budding music channel C4 then snapped her up as a co-anchor, but, despite a penchant for bright purple tights (she was a child of the eighties), Jaquie was poached by TV3's John Campbell and Carol Hirschfeld for Campbell Live, where she became a household name.

Most recently Jaquie has teamed up with script writer Gerard Johnstone to form Young, Gifted & Brown, the production company that created the acclaimed Diaries on which Jaquie plays a version of herself as a shamelessly ambitious "light relief" journalist. She's also writing a guide-to-everything book as "Jaquie", offering comic advice on dating, cooking and how to avoid swans.

She likes to keep fit, but you won't find her pounding the pavements; Jaquie prefers to tone up on her exercycle. If you're invited over for dinner, there's a 50:50 chance you'll be eating vegetarian; she remains "partly vego" following a too-good-to-resist steak one night. And if you want to make a good impression, English chocolate will do the trick; she pines for it - apparently the Kiwi stuff is not as good.

A small-time gardener Jaquie takes pride in her herb garden, but admits to filching her neighbour's hydrangeas now and then.

When she's not working on the new series of Diaries, Jaquie devours TV comedy shows; The Office, Brit series Nighty Night, Arrested Development, and Family Guy, feature on her favourites list.

She's also keen on unusual books, including a series called Found, a collection of notes, postcards and letters found by people on the ground.

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An animal lover, Jacquie is affiliated with animal rights organisation Safe, and has featured in one of its campaigns. She's also lent her design skills to a t-shirt campaign for global animal welfare organisation WSPA. Jacquie describes herself as "a determined little critter" always on the lookout for new goals. Her dream is to one day fly first class anywhere will do.

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Testimonials.

'Jaquie is an enormous talent, who is extremely professional and fantastic to work with. Her sense of humour, charisma, professionalism and ability to read a crowd helped us to elevate the event into one of the most highly successful entertainment events in the country- J&A Productions'.

'Jaquie is completely capable of 'holding her own' and equally comfortable working in a team, weather on stage in front of a live audience or performing to a studio/tv audience. Her personality, easy manner and intelligence are the exact combination that I look for in my team of talent and key colleagues-J&A Productions'.