



Chris Parker.

Height 190 cm

MC / Entertainer Biography

Johnson&Laird

Chris Parker is one of New Zealand's most prominent comedians, and an active voice of the LGBTQ community here in Aotearoa. Chris has featured as both a writer and actor on Funny Girls and Jono & Ben—the latter of which saw him have his own segment, "Chris out of Water", which established him as a core cast member.

Chris is also a regular face on comedy panel shows like 7 Days and Have You Been Paying Attention or in the late night cult hit improvised comedy show Snort which Chris has been a cast member for over 7 years. He also made a name for himself playing the iconic David Halls in the smash hit theatre show Hudson and Halls Live, performing to sell-out houses around New Zealand and Australia. In 2018 Chris won the Fred award for best show at the 2018 NZ International Comedy Festival for his show Camp Binch, and has performed

sell-out stand-up comedy shows for a number of years both here and abroad to 5 star reviews.

During the 2020 Chris Parker gained a large Instagram following (37,000) with his daily comedic sketching depicting the highs and lows of the lockdown experience. In his downtime Chris also got immersed into the craft of felting which he also shared on Instagram creating a large felt hat during his lockdown time. The hat was then officially acquired by the Auckland Museum for their permanent collection and his official portrait of him wearing the crown was acquired by Te Papa.

In 2020 Chris was named one of The Herald's Top 5 Entertainment Heroes of the year.

Testimonials.

When we found out that we had to turn our 'big bash, black-tie'all-team party into an online event, we knew we'd need to find someone special to help us make it sparkle. Chris was exactly the right person for the job - as our MC, he provided so much laughter and energy that when we all logged off two hours later, it was with sore jaws and light hearts. He was funny, engaging, and so easy to work with - professional and friendly, and we really felt he went above and beyond to make it a hilarious night for the team. Thank you so much Chris - I can't wait to work with you again!

Hannah Bennett | Internal Operations Manager and Company Secretary

Testimonials continued...

Sharesies

- Sharesies Virtual Event - March 2022

Chris was a total joy to work with. Not only was he so professional but he really embraced the concept of what the event was about. The short lead times meant he had to work quickly to turn around the pre-event videos, which by the way the clients are still talking about. He brought a fun and fresh vibe to the event and really lifted everyone's spirits. We can't wait to work with Chris again, sooner rather than later. Please pass on our thanks to him.

Meredith Drucker |General Manager

The Events Group

- Fletcher Steel Virtual Awards - October 2021

Chris Parker was fantastic to work with for our production. Super professional with media; the perfect mix of prepared and adaptable. We got some great media coverage due to Chris 'humorous, warm style which conveyed what an enjoyable event it would be. Chris owned the role as the Host. He adapted the script to make it current and his humour with the broad audience was pitched at just the right level –providing laughs and pacing as well as covering all logistics. Chris was a real pleasure to work with for everyone involved in this production. I highly recommend Chris Parker for any event or show where you require energy, intelligent humour and professionalism.

Elizabeth O'Halloran|Account Manager

Auckland Live

- Sound of Music - Auckland Live

"Chris Parker emceed our inaugural Auckland International oCabaret Season in June, 2014.

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- Janelle Bish. Producer, Programme Development, Auc

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"Among my favourite memories of the festival –did the most brilliant job of creating a salon environment that was fun, informative and superbly entertaining."

- Claire Mabey. Contract Programmer, Auckland Writer

AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL CABARET SEASON - MC - J

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