



## Justine Smith

**Height** 168 cm

**Pronouns** She/Her

MC / Entertainer Biography

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### Event Highlights.

- 2025** House of Travel & Orbit World Travel Annual Conference&Evening, Orbit World Travel - Duo MC
- 2025** Canterbury Jockey Club Annual Sponsors Dinner, Riccarton Park - Entertainer
- 2024** Fletcher Steel Employee Awards Night, Fletcher Steel - MC
- 2024** Future Roads Conference Dinner, Freeman Media - MC
- 2022** Pride in Print Awards, PrintNZ - co MC
- 2022** Mineral Sector Awards, Freeman Media - MC
- 2021** Women in Business Conference 2021, Queenstown Chamber of Commerce - Speaker

Justine Smith is one of New Zealand 's most in-demand comedians and MCs, whose many and varied solo shows have garnered critical acclaim. Justine's trophy shelf is overflowing—she has won the NZ Comedy Guild Award for Best MC three times and Best Female Comedian now four times receiving both at the recent 2020 Guild Awards!

She 's a regular on television, often appearing on the comedy series 7 Days and on the panel of The Project. Justine also spreads her humour across the country by travelling to comedy festivals, local pubs and corporate events. Those who know her, or have seen her live, will know her jokes always hit the mark and the crowds lap it up! Her charming and expressive performances take her audience on the journey with her, while never far away from a punch line or a subtle gag with a raised eyebrow. She's been around for blimmin' ages and is recognised for her appearances from the Comedy Gala and Aotearoha to being a writer for Rhys Darby 's mockumentary Short Poppies. A leading light in NZ comedy, Justine is just as comfortable in front of an audience of thousands as she is in an intimate bar.

### Testimonials.

Justine was truly outstanding! We didn't allow her a huge amount of time with the script beforehand and yet there were no issues with this at all —she was flexible, accommodating, and was very easy to work with in the build-up. She was on time, looked amazing, her entertainment was tailored to the audience, and she came across really well. I have already had a lot of positive feedback from my team and the attendees. Justine was friendly, professional, hilarious, and I am so pleased that she could host this event for us—she will forever be the very first host of the NZ Rooding Industry Awards! Thank you so much time and your expert skill, Justine. I hope we can work together again soon.

Future Roads Conference Dinner 2024

**Testimonials continued...**

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**- Annie Bond | Events Manager**

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We had the pleasure of having Justine Smith as the MC for our Bi-annual Awards Ceremony, and we couldn't have picked a better match! Our attendees spanned from early twenties to those in their golden years, and Justine effortlessly connected with everyone through her ability to relate to people from all walks of life. Justine was incredibly adaptable, quickly adjusting to last-minute event changes and offering valuable advice to script changes based on her extensive experience. From the moment we began working together, she was friendly, approachable, and brought a relaxed yet energetic vibe in both the briefing and the event. Her communication was excellent, keeping us informed about her arrival and any other details to ensure the nights success. Justine's humour was spot-on; she actively engaged with our audience during break periods of the ceremony, cleverly incorporating that content into a few of her pieces bringing a positive, and genuine energy that perfectly aligned with our theme and our audience. Respectful when needed and hilariously entertaining, Justine is a true professional. We have no doubt she will be the perfect fit for any future events. Thank you Justine for being an absolute legend, you did an amazing job in ensuring our attendees had a great night.

Fletcher Steel Awards 2024

Fletcher Steel

**- Jasmin Pakura | Marketing Content Coordinator**

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I just wanted to pass on our rave review of Justine and Jason. If I thought they were great before I'm now out of complimentary words to sum up just how fantastic they were. Our crowd was somewhat subdued to begin with (which is quite unusual for that bunch )but Justine and Jason ended up having them in fits of laughter with such a great rapport and crowd interaction.

I would without hesitation recommend them to anybody wanting lively, fun, professional MCs (and seriously, could they both be any nicer in person? Such lovely people).

Pride in Print Awards 2022

PrintNZ

**- Tania McDougall | Event Manager**

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Jamie Bowen and Justine Smith were great as entertainers at our annual conference.

Both comedians were exactly on brief, engaged the audience and provided 40 minutes of very light hearted relief to set the night up. As a pair they were actually very good together—both very different with different angles, and I think this made for a great act, they both seemed to take from each other. Despite given the short notice they both managed to get some understanding of the business and related their act to suit. They were undoubtedly the catalyst for what ended up being a great night, way above our expectations and we would have no hesitation in recommending them or using them again.

Treasury Wine Estates Annual Conference

**- Andrew Lawrence | National Business Manager**