



Chris Parker.

Height 190 cm

Master Of Ceremony Biography
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Chris Parker is a confident host with diverse performance abilities, stemming from his eclectic and extensive live comedy and television experience. From being a comedy writer and actor on Funny Girls, Jono and Ben and 7 Days to playing the iconic David Halls in the smash hit theatre show Hudson and Halls Live! nation wide. Parker brings his experience in television and live theatre to life at live events as an MC or entertainer.

As a comedian his New Zealand International Comedy Festival Shows such as CAMPING, D. O. C'ing and No More Dancing in the Good Room frequently sell out and go on to more successful return seasons. He has also written the Basement Theatre's highly successful Christmas show twice with both seasons selling out to operate crowds in Auckland over the festive season. Chris is also the co-host of successful podcast The Male Gayz along side Eli Matthewson, which has gone on to great reviews and funding by NZ on Air to turn into a web-series for TVNZ on Demand.

"If there were ever a pair of writers more deserving for a breakout telly hit, Chris Parker and Thomas Sainsbury proved it with the triumphant return of Camping" - NZ HERALD

"The fact these two aren't already stars is perhaps the most savage indictment on our eco-system you could hope to find." - Duncan Grieve The Spinoff

As an improviser and comedian Chris has over 10 years experience. He performs weekly at the sell out show Snort Comedy at Auckland's Basement Theatre. This experience has gifted Chris with a razor sharp wit and ability for off the cuff remarks which makes for a fantastic night. With over 100 shows under his belt as the 80's camp celebrity cook David Halls in Hudson and Halls Live! Chris is no stranger to being in front of an audience and the experience Chris has gained from performing the role of Halls means he has no trouble grabbing an audiences attention. Chris also won best actor for his portrayal of the role at the 2016 Wellington Theatre Awards

"Chris Parker (and Todd Emerson), as Hudson and Halls respectively, are masterful in their command not just of the characters, and not just of the fast and extremely precise requirements of this kind of comedy, but of the surprisingly difficult process of cooking on stage while you're talking." - Simon Wilson Metro

His previous hosting experience includes the Auckland Theatre Awards 2013 /2014 at Civic Winter Gardens, Auckland Cabaret Festival at Auckland Concert Chamber, and the Daffodils Edinburgh Fundraiser at Auckland Town Hall, Late Night Q&A at Auckland Writers Festival as well as media appearances on TV3 's STORY, FAMILY FUED and JONO AND BEN

He 's the perfect choice for any event needing a sharply dressed irreverant host with a warm charm and lightening quick wit.

Testimonials.

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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

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