



Russell Brown.

Height 182 cm

MC / Entertainer Biography

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Russell Brown is an award-winning journalist, editor, blogger, broadcaster, MC, moderator, speaker and creative director.

A feature of his career has been the close look he's had at disrupted industries, both as a technology reporter and columnist, and directly, through his work with the media and music businesses. He has a personal and professional story to tell.

Russell's long-running blog, Hard News, on his Public Address website—the first blog to win a national media award—covers everything from media and politics to science and music. Stop Press calls him "a veritable sage of the New Zealand blogosphere" and "a quadruple-channel threat in the sense that his appeal isn't pigeon-holed in a single domain."

The same skills that make Public Address the country's most respected internet discussion forum also play out in person. Whether at his own live events or working for clients like Auckland Museum, he knows how to structure a discussion and to ask the right questions.

Russell was the founding host of Radio New Zealand's Mediawatch in 2001, and since 2008, he has been the host of a series of media television shows: Media7, Media3 and, most recently, Media Take on Maori Television.

He is the author of the 'Internet and Digital Media' entry on Te Ara, the Encyclopaedia of New Zealand Online; a board member of the Digital Media Trust, which oversees the screen culture heritage website NZ On Screen and the music heritage website Audioculture; the editor and publisher of the book Great New Zealand Argument: Ideas About Ourselves, which includes the only published transcript of David Lange's famous Oxford Union speech; his journalism on drug policy has been published internationally; and he's in daily touch with 36,000 Twitter followers.

Testimonials.

"Russell Brown is a marvel. I have worked with Russell to bring life to five LATE at the Museum events for five consecutive years. As a moderator, his ability to make the panelists feel at ease, listen as well as weave contentious issues into the conversation makes him one of the best live interviewers that I have worked with. Russell tackles issues that he cares about and works with people that he truly values. His empathetic approach, edginess and professionalism make me look forward to collaborating with him in the future."

Testimonials continued...

" - Dina Jezdic, Adult and Tertiary Programmer,

Auckland War Memorial Museum

- Late At The Museum MC - August 2015

In support of David Cook 's photographic exhibition Meet Me in the Square I was looking for speakers who could talk about Christchurch in the 1980s. Russell Brown immediately sprang to mind as someone who could talk knowledgeably about music of that time, having lived in Christchurch in the early 80s. In fact Russell did not just speak knowledgeably, he spoke with passion. He had prepared extensively for this talk, which he supplemented with over 60 images and although he was not asked to, included a good number of posters designed by local artists. Russell's rapport with the audience was excellent; his delivery and wit perfectly suited to arty music lovers. He allowed plenty of time for questions at the end and everyone left having had an enjoyable evening - Lana Coles, Christchurch Art Gallery

- Meet Me In The Square Exhibition Speaker 11 March