

RAY MATSEN

I'm a Melbourne based writer with over 20 years experience in TV, radio, film, print, online and live comedy. As head writer on many of Australia's most popular light entertainment and comedy programs, I've managed countless writers and other creatives and always work well with people and to a deadline.

WRITING / ANIMATING / PERFORMING

<u>2026</u>		
Do Not Watch This Show <i>Lee Bones Productions/ ABC</i>	Head Writer	<i>Developing story ideas and writing scripts for series 1 & 2 of ANDY LEE'S animated TV series based on his popular children's books. Series 1 is currently airing on ABC iView</i>
<u>2023</u>		
Avanti 2 <i>Lingopont Educational</i>	Writer/ creator	<i>Character development and writing stoylines for cartoon section of Italian language book aimed at 12-14 year olds . lingopont.com</i>
<u>2022 – Present</u>		
Grownup Magazine <i>Satirical online magazine</i>	Creator, Writer, Editor	<i>Creating, writing, designing and building the site using WordPress and the Elementor page building program. grownup.com</i>
<u>2019</u>		
Lingopont Educational <i>Language School</i>	Content Creator & Scriptwriter	<i>Writing books, animation, online videos and a new feature film. lingopont.com</i>
<u>2019 – 2023</u>		
The Christian O'Connell Show (Gold 104.3) <i>Aus Radio Network</i>	Writer	<i>Writing topical jokes and creating segment ideas for Christian's breakfast radio show every weekday morning</i>
<u>2022</u>		
Silver Lining <i>Advertising Agency</i>	Animator	<i>Doing It Tough – Suicide Prevention Campaign</i>
Silver Lining <i>Advertising Agency</i>	Writer	<i>Cotton On – Life Changer Campaign</i>
Spicks & Specks - 10x Episodes <i>Panel music comedy quiz show (ABC)</i>	Head Writer	<i>Developing game ideas, writing jokes and questions for the host, running writer's meetings, finalising and preparing scripts for autocue and overseeing other writers submissions.</i>

Maze Productions <i>Video Production Company</i>	Animator	<i>Animating YouTube promotional video for Renowden Real Estate featuring comedian Elliot Goblet.</i>
<u>2021</u>		
The Weakest Link <i>Quiz show hosted by Magda Szubanski (9 Network)</i>	Writer	<i>Writing jokes based on questions and contestant reactions and answers.</i>
<u>2020</u>		
Spicks & Specks - 10x Episodes <i>Panel music comedy quiz show (ABC)</i>	Head Writer	<i>Developing game ideas, writing jokes and questions for the host, running writer's meetings, finalising and preparing scripts for autocue and overseeing other writers submissions.</i>
Kinne Tonight – Series 2 <i>Sketch comedy series (10 Network)</i>	Writer	<i>Writing sketches & jokes.</i>
Ray & Jason's Variety 10 Minutes <i>Regular YouTube series (rayandjason.net/ YouTube)</i>	Writer, Presenter	<i>Writing, producing and presenting a weekly 10 minute YouTube video, uploading it and promoting it via social media including Twitter, Insta, Tik-Tok and the Ray & Jason website.</i>
<u>2019</u>		
Mission Brown <i>Short film script (Lisa Defazio Productions)</i>	Written by	<i>A short dark comedy film script based on an idea by Lisa Defazio.</i> <i>(Script received the award for best international screenplay at the Atlanta Women's Film Festival)</i>
Spicks & Specks Decade Specials 4x Episodes <i>Panel music comedy quiz show (ABC)</i>	Head Writer	<i>Developing game ideas, writing jokes and questions for the host, running writers meetings, finalising and preparing scripts for autocue and overseeing other writers submissions.</i>
Tutto Benne <i>You-Tube educational comedy series teaching Italian to beginners (Lingopont Educational)</i>	Writer	<i>Brainstorming, developing ideas and writing scripts for 2 seasons of a narrative comedy series that teaches Italian to beginners. Here</i>
Night Talkers Podcast <i>Weekly podcast (rayandjason.net, Apple Podcasts)</i>	Writer, Presenter	<i>Writing, producing, presenting and editing a 20 minute podcast, uploading it and promoting it via social media including Twitter, Insta, Tik-Tok and the Ray & Jason website.</i>
Kinne Tonight – Series 1 <i>Sketch comedy series (10 Network)</i>	Writer	<i>Writing sketches & jokes.</i>

<u>2018</u>		
Show Me The Movie - Series 2 <i>Panel movie comedy quiz show</i> (10 Network)	Writer	<i>Brainstorming & developing game ideas and writing jokes for host and celebrity contestants.</i>
True Story with Hamish & Andy - Series 2 <i>Narrative comedy series</i> (Radio Karate)	Actor	<i>Car passenger.</i>
Pointless <i>Nightly game show</i> (10 Network)	Question Writer	<i>Researching and writing questions.</i>
Spicks & Specks Reunion <i>Panel music comedy quiz show</i> (ABC)	Writer	<i>Developing game ideas, writing jokes and questions for host, running writers meetings, finalising and preparing scripts for autocue and overseeing other writers submissions.</i>
Tonightly with Tom Ballard <i>Satirical current affairs series</i> (ABC)	Writer	<i>Writing topical monologue jokes and sketches.</i>
Show Me The Movie - Series 1 <i>Panel movie comedy quiz show</i> (10 Network)	Writer	<i>Developing game ideas and writing jokes for host and celebrity contestants.</i>
Hughsey We Have a Problem <i>Comedy celebrity panel show</i> (Screentime 10 Network)	Writer, Seg Ideas	<i>Developing segment ideas and writing jokes for host and guest celebrities.</i>
True Story with Hamish & Andy Series 2 <i>Narrative comedy series</i> (Radio Karate 9 Network)	Writer	<i>Viewing Hamish & Andy's filmed interview with story teller, condensing story into half hour episode and writing 1st draft of filmed scenes. Writing subsequent drafts according to producer notes.</i>
<u>2017</u>		
Larry The Wonderpup <i>Kid's ½ hour narrative series</i> (The Chocolate Liberation Front 7TWO)	Writer	<i>Developing stories & writing outlines. Writing 1st draft and subsequent drafts following producer notes.</i>
When TV Was Awesome <i>Clip based comedy series</i> (ABC iView)	Writer, Editor	<i>Researching old ABC footage to be re-voiced for comic effect. Writing 1st draft based on footage and doing a rough edit of found footage on Adobe Premiere. Performing various voices on final edit.</i>
Ask The Doctor – Seies 1 <i>Medical documentary series</i> (ABC)	Writer	<i>Researching and developing segments, writing scripts and inserting jokes where needed.</i>
Behave Yourself <i>Panel quiz show</i> (7 Network)	Writer, Script Editor	<i>Researching and developing game and segment ideas, writing jokes for host and guest celebrities, finalising and preparing script for autocue.</i>

<p><u>2016</u></p> <p>True Story with Hamish & Andy - Series 1 Narrative comedy series (Radio Karate 9 Network)</p>	Writer	Viewing Hamish & Andy's filmed interview with story teller, condensing story into half hour episode and writing 1st draft of filmed scenes. Writing subsequent drafts according to producer notes.
<p>You're Skitting Me – Series 3 Children's sketch series (ABC 3)</p>	Head Writer	Developing character and sketch ideas, coordinating submissions from external writers and editing final scripts. Attending production meetings to answer questions on casting, props, costumes and locations.
<p>You're Skitting Me – Series 3 Children's sketch series (ABC 3)</p>	Animation Director	Developing animated characters and sketches, and writing scripts. Directing voice actors while recording dialogue. Drawing characters, animating sketches with Toon Boom Harmony, coordinating other animators and exporting for final sound and vision edits by CJZ.
<p><u>2014 - 2016</u></p> <p>Family Feud Nightly game show hosted by Grant Denyer (10 Network)</p>	Host Writer, Contestant Producer, Question Writer, Script Editor	<p>Talking to families and working up their on-air stories.</p> <p>Working closely with host to develop jokes and chat based on contestant stories.</p> <p>Preparing script for autocue and feeding host lines via coms during the record. Shooting 5 shows per night.</p> <p>Writing questions.</p>
<p>Australian Film Television & Radio School</p>	Lecturer – 3 Day Sketch Comedy Writing Course	Teaching 12 to 14 year old students how to write, shoot and edit a short sketch over a 3 day period. Including: how to use the Celtex screenwriting program, how to stage, light and shoot their sketches and how to edit them on Adobe Premiere.
<p>This Week Live Topical satirical panel sketch series (10 Network)</p>	Head Writer	Coordinating a room of writers and overseeing meetings to develop topical jokes and sketches. Attending production meetings and running through script with lawyers. Finalising and preparing script for autocue.
<p><u>2013</u></p> <p>You're Skitting Me – Series 2 Kid's sketch series (ABC 3)</p>	Head Writer	Developing character and sketch ideas, coordinating submissions from external writers and editing final scripts. Attending production meetings to answer questions on casting, props, costumes and locations.

<p>You're Skitting Me – Series 2 Kid's sketch series (ABC 3)</p>	<p>Animator</p>	<p><i>Developing animated characters and sketches, and writing scripts. Directing voice actors while recording dialogue. Drawing characters, animating sketches with Toon Boom Harmony, coordinating other animators and exporting for final sound and vision edits by CJZ.</i></p>
<p><u>2011-2012</u></p> <p>Problems with Sam Simmons 4x30mins Narrative/ Sketch Series (ABC)</p>	<p>Writer</p>	<p><i>Writing and developing characters, storylines and sketches.</i></p>
<p>Adam Hills in Gordon Street Tonight Talk and sketch series involving audience stories & celebrity guests (ABC)</p>	<p>Head Writer</p>	<p><i>Researching audience surveys and developing segments and sketches based on their stories.</i></p> <p><i>Coordinating a room of writers and segment producers and overseeing meetings to develop jokes and sketches based on stories.</i></p> <p><i>Working closely with host developing jokes and guest interviews.</i></p> <p><i>Attending production meetings, finalising and preparing script for autocue.</i></p>
<p><u>2011</u></p> <p>You're Skitting Me – Series 1 Kid's sketch series ABC 3</p>	<p>Head Writer</p>	<p><i>Developing character and sketch ideas, coordinating submissions from external writers and editing final scripts. Attending production meetings to answer questions on casting, props, costumes and locations.</i></p>
<p>You're Skitting Me – Series 1 Kid's sketch series (ABC 3)</p>	<p>Animator</p>	<p><i>Developing animated characters and sketches, and writing scripts. Directing voice actors while recording dialogue. Drawing characters, animating sketches with Toon Boom Harmony, coordinating other animators and exporting for final sound and vision edits by CJZ.</i></p>
<p><u>2010</u></p> <p>The Johnny Cant Function Comedy web series (YouTube)</p>	<p>Producer, Director, Editor</p>	<p><i>Directing, producing, filming and editing sketches written and performed by Jason Marion.</i></p>

<u>2009-2011</u>		
Spicks & Specks <i>Panel music comedy quiz show</i> (ABC)	Writer	<i>Writing jokes and developing segments.</i>
<u>2006</u>		
Real Stories with Hamish & Andy <i>Narrative documentary series</i> (Roving 10 Network)	Writer	<i>Developing characters and stories, writing 1st drafts of episodes.</i>
<u>2005-2009</u>		
Rove Live/ Rove <i>Talk variety topical sketch</i> (Roving 10 Network)	Head Writer	<i>Coordinating a room of writers and overseeing meetings to develop topical jokes and sketches. Finalising and preparing script for autocue. (Approximately 40x1hr episodes per year).</i>
<u>2004</u>		
The Brian Munich Radio Show <i>Radio sketch show</i> (Triple R)	Presenter/ Writer	<i>Presenting and panel operating a 2-hour live, Sunday afternoon radio program.</i> <i>Writing, recording and editing audio sketches for broadcast.</i>
Kath & Kim S3 <i>Narrative series</i> (ABC)	Actor	<i>2 episodes playing Brett's work colleague.</i>
Hamish & Andy <i>Sketch series</i> (7 Network)	Writer/ Co-Producer	<i>Part of the writing, producing team developing topical jokes and sketches.</i>
<u>2003</u>		
Nova 100 Summer Breakfast Show <i>Four week fill in for Hughesy & Kate</i> (Nova 100fm)	Presenter	<i>One half of on air duo with Meshel Laurie presenting a 3-hour breakfast radio show x 3 weeks.</i> <i>Writing and performing sketches to be aired on the show.</i>
Sunday Bloody Sunday <i>Weekly radio show</i> (Nova 100fm)	Presenter	<i>One half of on air duo with Meshel Laurie presenting a weekly 3-hour afternoon radio show x 4 weeks.</i> <i>Writing and performing sketches to be aired on the show.</i>
Comedy Inc. <i>Sketch series</i> (9 Network)	Writer	<i>Writing topical and generic sketches for 1 hour weekly sketch show.</i>
Brian Munich & Friends – Pop Goes the Eyeball <i>(Live MICF Show)</i>	Writer/ Performer/ Producer	<i>Developing, writing, producing then performing a live show 6 nights a week for 4 weeks at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.</i>

<p><u>2002-2003</u></p> <p>The Hughesy, Kate & Dave Breakfast Show Daily breakfast radio show (Nova 100fm)</p>	<p>Writer, OB Presenter</p>	<p><i>Writing sketches & imaging</i></p> <p><i>Presenter of live on-air crosses.</i></p>
<p>Brian Munich & Friends – Lord of the Ringos (Live MICF Show)</p>	<p>Co-Creator, Writer, Producer, Performer</p>	<p><i>Developing, writing, producing then performing a live show 6 nights a week for 4 weeks at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.</i></p> <p>(Short listed for MICF Award for Best Show)</p>
<p><u>2001</u></p> <p>The Big Schmooze Talk, variety, sketch (thecomedychannel)</p>	<p>Writer/Performer</p>	<p><i>Part of the writing and performing team developing topical jokes and sketches.</i></p>
<p>Brian Munich & Friends (Live MICF Show)</p>		<p><i>Developing, writing, producing then performing a live show 6 nights a week for 4 weeks at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.</i></p> <p>(Won the ‘Age Critic’s Award’ and MICF ‘Award for Best Show.’)</p>
<p>Russell Gilbert Was Here Sketch series (9 Network)</p>	<p>Writer, Performer</p>	<p><i>Part of the writing and performing team developing jokes and sketches.</i></p>
<p><u>2000</u></p> <p>Russell Gilbert Live Live Weekly Variety, Sketch show (9 Network)</p>	<p>Writer, Performer</p>	<p><i>Part of the writing and performing team developing topical jokes, sketches and segments.</i></p>
<p>Brian Munich & Friends Sketch series (Channel 31/ YouTube)</p>	<p>Writer, Producer, Performer, Camera, Editor</p>	<p><i>Developing, writing and performing sketches then editing the program for air.</i></p> <p><u>In 2012 I recut and remastered the series for YouTube</u></p>
<p><u>1997 - 1998</u></p> <p>The Big News & The Late Report Topical sketch series (7 Network)</p>	<p>Writer</p>	<p><i>Part of the writing team developing topical jokes, sketches and segments.</i></p>
<p>Boob & the Pigman Go to Mexico (Live MICF Show)</p>	<p>Co-Creator, Writer, Producer, Performer</p>	<p><i>Developing, writing, producing then performing this live show 6 nights a week for 4 weeks at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.</i></p>
<p>Totally Full Frontal Sketch Series (10 Network)</p>	<p>Writer</p>	<p><i>Part of the writing team developing jokes and sketches.</i></p>

Talking Fluff <i>(Live MICF Show)</i>	Co-Creator, Writer, Producer, Performer	<i>3 week sketch comedy show</i>
IMT <i>Talk, variety, sketch</i> <i>(9 Network)</i>	Writer	<i>Part of the writing team developing jokes and sketches.</i>
Full Frontal <i>Sketch series</i> <i>(7 Network)</i>	Writer	<i>Part of the writing team developing jokes and sketches.</i>

AWARDS

ACCTA Nomination – Best Children’s Television Series 2026 – DO NOT WATCH THIS SHOW S1
Head Writer

Atlanta Women’s Film Festival 2020 – Winner - Best International Screenplay – MISSION BROWN – Written by

Atlanta Women’s Film Festival 2020 – Nominated - Best Comedy Screenplay Short – MISSION BROWN – Written by

ACCTA Nomination – Best Children’s Television Series 2013 – YOU’RE SKITTING ME S2
Head Writer

Logie Nomination – Most Outstanding Children’s Program 2012 – YOU’RE SKITTING ME S1
Head Writer

Logie - Most Popular Presenter Adam Hills 2011 - SPICKS & SPECKS & GORDON STREET
Writer/ Head Writer

Logie – Most Outstanding Light Entertainment Program 2010 - SPICKS & SPECKS
Writer

Logie - Most Popular Light Entertainment Program 2005/ 2007/ 2009 – ROVE
Head Writer

Barry Award for Best Show - BRIAN MUNICH & FRIENDS
Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2001 – Writer/Performer

The Age Newspaper Critics Award - BRIAN MUNICH & FRIENDS
Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2001 – Writer/Performer

PROGRAMS

- Word
- Final Draft (Scripwriting software)
- Highland 2 (Scripwriting software)
- Adobe Premiere (Video Editing Software)
- Toon Boom Harmony (Animation Software)
- Wordpress (Web Page Development)
- Elementor (Web Page Development)
- Photoshop
- Illustrator

SOCIALS

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TRAINING

1 Year Full Time – Audio Operations (Perth College WA)
2 Year Full Time – Film & TV Production & Design (Perth College WA)

Key subjects

- TVC Production
- TV Camera Operation
- Lighting Design
- Product Illustration
- Advertising
- Storyboarding
- Creative Writing for Screen
- Copywriting
- Design
- Art History
- Photo Design
- Animation
- Audio Operations
- Computer Literacy
- Post Production

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