

**JOAN RIVERS** is a force of nature—and one of the hardest working celebrities in the world—comediienne, best-selling author, Tony-nominated actress, playwright, screenwriter, motion picture director, columnist, lecturer, syndicated radio host, Emmy Award-winning television talk-show host, jewelry designer, red-carpet fashion laureate, businesswoman and, most importantly to her, mother and grandmother.

The daughter of immigrant Russian parents, Joan created her own brand of irreverent, unconventional comedy to forge her remarkable rise to stardom in the entertainment world. Enduring humiliation and privation for nearly a decade playing tawdry clubs, Borscht Belt hotels, and Greenwich Village cabarets ("I was insanely persistent," she says), Joan's career skyrocketed in 1965 when she appeared on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson. Within three years she was hosting "That Show With Joan Rivers," one of the first syndicated daytime shows, and went on to become the first sole guest host of "The Tonight Show." Her own "Late Show with Joan Rivers" was launched in 1986, and in 1989 she returned to TV with "The Joan Rivers Show," winning an Emmy for Outstanding Talk Show Host the following year—and her own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Using her unique gifts of humor, compassion and tenacity has enabled Joan to triumph over personal tragedy and attain extraordinary professional success. In a brilliant teaming with QVC in 1990, she launched her sensational fashion jewelry line, the Joan Rivers Classics Collection, winning an ACE award from the Accessories Council in 1997 and achieving unprecedented—and continuing—success with record-breaking 300 million dollars plus in sales.

One of the most naturally style-savvy women on the planet, consistently appearing on Best Dressed lists around the world, Joan, along with daughter Melissa, hosted E!'s red-carpet events from 1996-2004 when they signed a long-term contract with the TV Guide Channel, where they will continue their "must see" red-carpet coverage as well as developing original programming and participating in the Channel's original specials and series.

A pre-eminent connoisseur of fine art, antiques and vintage jewelry, Joan keeps her finger on the pulse of all the latest trends and is widely considered America's most visible, accessible and authoritative fashion spokesperson. Her firm belief that when women look their best they can be their best inspired her most recent partnering with QVC to launch Joan Rivers Beauty, a continually expanding line that encompasses her uniquely formulated Joan Rivers Results Skin Care products, color cosmetics and luxury fragrances, Now & Forever and Pink Flowers Eau de Parfum.

While continuing to headline at prestigious concert venues worldwide, Joan is always working on new projects. In April 2002, she brought her critically acclaimed Edinburgh Fringe Festival one-woman show, "Broke and Alone," to London's Theatre Royal Haymarket, receiving critical raves and the first standing ovation at the Theatre in fourteen years. Joan then took the show to the State Theatres in Sydney and Melbourne where it received similar critical and audience response. Subsequent performances, including a week at the Canon Theatre in Los Angeles, have all garnered "hottest ticket in town" status.

From her signature question, "Can we talk?" (officially a Federal trademark), to her red-carpet mantra, "Who are you wearing?", the woman who asks the questions gets the answers America...and the world...wants to hear.

Joan Rivers embodies class, confidence and chutzpah in all the right proportions and her accomplishments are amazing (see attached). Of course, her most joyous accomplishment right now is being grandmother to Melissa's son, Cooper (Edgar Cooper Endicott), who was born on December 1, 2000—and she's enjoying that immensely.

## TELEVISION

- 1966-67 "Candid Camera" (*writer*)
- 1969-71 "That Show" (*writer/star; 260 half-hour shows; NBC*)
- 1973 "The Girl Most Likely To" (*MOW/writer*)
- 1983-86 "The Tonight Show" (*first permanent guest host*)
- 1983 "Saturday Night Live" (*guest host*)
- 1984 "An Audience With" (*achieved highest ratings in BBC history*)
- 1985 "Joan Rivers and Friends Salute Heidi Abromowitz" (*Showtime*)
- 1986 "Joan Rivers: Can We Talk?" (*host; 6 one-hour specials; BBC*)
- 1986-87 "The Late Show Starring Joan Rivers" (*launches Fox Newtwork*)
- 1987-89 "Hollywood Squares" (*center square*)
- 1989-94 "The Joan Rivers Show" (*nationally syndicated*)
- 1990-91 "Gossip, Gossip, Gossip" (*USA Network*)
- 1990 "How to Murder a Millionaire" (*MOW; CBS*)
- 1992 "Lady Boss" (*MOW*)
- 1994 "Tears and Laughter: The Joan and Melissa Rivers Story" (*MOW*)
- 1994 "Can We Shop?" (*national syndication*)
- 1996 Host of E! Entertainment Television's "Fashion Police" and live pre-shows for the Oscar, Emmy, Golden Globe, Grammy, ESPY and other red-carpet award telecasts
- 1997 "Joan Rivers: A& E Biography"
- 1998-99 "Suddenly Susan" and "Another World" (*guest appearances*)
- 1999 "Intimate Portrait: Joan Rivers" (*Lifetime*)
- 2001 "E! True Hollywood Story"
- 2002 "Second City Presents...Joan Rivers" (*Bravo*)
- 2003 "I'm With Her" (*guest appearances; ABC*)
- 2004 "Dave the Barbarian" (*voice over; The Disney Channel*)
- 2004 "TV GUIDE CHANNEL..." (*Host of red-carpet marquee events; development/participation in channel's series and specials*)
- 2004 "Dear Joan" (*6 1/2hour comedy/advice specials: U.K. Channel 5*)
- 2004 "Joan Rivers--The Dismissed Juror" (*Court TV: "Hollywood Heat"*)
- 2004 "Nip/Tuck" (*guest appearance; FX Channel*)
- 2004 "The Joan Rivers Position" (*1/2-hour comedy/advice series; U.K. Chanel 5*)

## RADIO

- 1997-2002 "The Joan Rivers Show" (*WOR; national syndication*)

## BOOKS

- 1974 Having a Baby Can be a Scream
- 1984 The Life and Hard Times of Heidi Abromowitz (*national bestseller*)
- 1986 Enter Talking (*#2 on NY Times bestseller list just two weeks after publication*)
- 1991 Still Talking
- 1995 Jewelry by Joan Rivers
- 1997 Bouncing Back (*national bestseller*)
- 1998 From Mother to Daughter: Thoughts and Advice on Life, Love and Marriage
- 1999 Don't Count the Candles: Just keep the Fire Lit

## FEATURE FILMS

- 1969 "The Swimmer" (*with Burt Lancaster*)
- 1978 "Rabbit Test" (*writer/director*)
- 1984 "The Muppets Take Manhattan" (*cameo*)
- 1987 "Spaceballs" (*voice of Dot Matrix*)
- 1989 "Look Who's Talking" (*co-wrote/performed voice of the baby*)
- 1994 "Serial Mom" (*with Kathleen Turner*)
- 1998 "Goosed" (*with Jennifer Tilly*)
- 2000 "L'Intern"
- 2004 "Shrek 2"

## THEATRE

- 1973-76 "Fun City" (*co-writer/star*)
- 1988 Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound"
- 1994 "Sally Marr and Her Escorts" (*co-writer/star; Tony Award nominee for Best Actress*)

## MISCELLANEOUS

- 1973-76 *Chicago Tribune* (*syndicated columnist*)
- 1983 "What Becomes a Semi-Legend Most?" (*Grammy Award nominated comedy album*)
- 1996 "Shopping for Fitness" (*ABC Home Video*)
- 1999-2000 "She Says/She Says" (*McCall's magazine advice column with daughter Melissa*)
- 2002-03 STAR Magazine Fashion columnist (*with daughter Melissa*)

## BUSINESS

- 1990 Teamed with QVC to launch her award-winning Joan Rivers Classics Collection of fashion jewelry
- 1996 Founded Joan Rivers Worldwide Enterprises, her own corporation which, in addition to jewelry, includes Joan Rivers Beauty encompassing Joan Rivers Results Skin Care™, color cosmetics, and her signature fragrance Now & Forever™
- 2004 Launched second Joan Rivers fragrance—Pink Flowers™

## AWARDS

- 1980 CLIO Award for Best Performance in a TV Commercial (*Firestone*)
- 1984 Harvard Hasting Pudding Woman of the Year
- 1986 Harvard Instant Pudding Award
- 1987 & 91 JIMMY Award (*named after comedian Jimmy Durante*)
- 1989 Honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
- 1990 Emmy Award for Outstanding Talk/Service Show Host ("*The Joan Rivers Show*")
- 1997 ACE Award (*Accessories Council's Award of Excellence for her QVC fashion jewelry line, Joan Rivers Classics Collection*)
- 2000 Honorary Doctor of the Arts degree from Marymount College
- 2004 Honorary Doctorate degree from Pratt Institute (*of Arts and Design*)
- 2004 National Council of Jewish Women (*N.Y. Section*) –  
Rebekah Kohut Award for Service to the Community

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