

MARK BRESLIN

- 1952 Born in Toronto
- 1974 Graduated York University Honours
B.A. English Literature
- 1975 Director of Theatre and Music
Harbourfront
- 1976 Opens the first Yuk Yuk's in the basement of
Toronto's Church Street Community Centre
- 1978 Moves the Yuk Yuk's flag ship to 1280 Bay
Street in Yorkville; over the next decade will
expand Yuk Yuk's to its present 14 clubs
throughout Canada
- 1980 Becomes book reviewer for The Globe and
Mail
- 1985 Writes Zen and Now, published by Somerville
House
- 1987 Moves to Los Angeles to become Comedy
Consultant and then Comedy Producer of
Fox Broadcasting's Late Night TV Show with
Joan Rivers

- 1990
- Creates the first annual “Search for Canada’s Funniest New Comic”, a national contest for developing new talent
 - Creates and produces “Yuk Yuk’s – the TV show” for CBC TV 13 episodes
 - Organizes and hosts the first Molson Canadian Comedy Relief Festival, which will run for nine years
 - Hosts “Dateline” Q107 call-in show
- 1991
- Introduces “Live from Yuk Yuk’s” a daily radio show syndicated by the Telemedia Radio Network, on over 80 stations coast to coast
 - Releases Son of a Meech, a Brian Mulroney Joke book published by Random House (over 60,000 units sold)
- 1993
- Executive Producer on CBC’s “Friday Night with Ralph Benmerguez” 13 episodes
- 1995
- Hosts CFRB’s midnight call-in show
- 1997
- Featured panelist on ROB TV’s “The Art Panel” multiple episodes
 - Produces “Mondo Taboo”, two specials for The Movie Network pay-per-view

- 1998 Featured panelist on Global Televisions
"Grumps" 24 episodes
- Chosen Artistic Director, Humber College
Comedy Program
- 1999 Founding Boardmember, Canadian Comedy
Awards
- 2000 Releases Control Freaked, autobiographical
novel Insomniac Press
- 2001 Executive producer "Yuk Yuk's 25th
Anniversary Special" for the Comedy Network
- Chosen 'Comedy Mentor' for the B.C.
Festival of the Arts
- 2003 Artistic Director - Whistler Comedy Festival
- Story Consultant - "Kenny vs Spenny"
CBC - 26 Episodes

In Addition

- 1975 – 1996 Over 5000 nightclub stand-up appearances
- 1980 – 2000 Over 25 book reviews for The Globe and Mail
The Toronto Star and The Quill and Quire
- Over 1000 radio and television interviews

Selected Speaking Engagements

American Comedy Institute, NYC

Big Bear Comedy Workshop, LA

Association for Campus Entrepreneurs, Toronto Keynote address

York University Cultural Studies Program

York University Department of Philosophy

Toronto Jewish Film Society

Variety Club of Toronto

MENSA Society of Canada

Glendon College Alumni Association

Alberta Periodical Distributors Association

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