

Laura D. Nikifortchuk

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Prepare as if you are the worst. Perform as if you are the best.



Qualifications: A versatile writer and performer from Toronto, Canada, Laura is a graduate of the prestigious Second City Conservatory Program. She has worked for the past year with Major League Baseball in the Entertainment division as an on-camera Talent and Producer. She is a host, performer and producer of numerous comedy shows including Danny Aiello's Upstairs Comedy Club in Hoboken, NJ and Laura's Laugh Library in Toronto. Her television and film appearances include in-studio hosting and field reporting for MLB Entertainment, George A. Romero's "Bruiser" and "The Buzz" on the Comedy Network. Laura's live comedy performances include opening for Emo Phillips at the Funny Bone, Second City, Yuk-Yuks, Caroline's, and The Improv.



TELEVISION AND FILM EXPERIENCE

Selected:

MLB Entertainment	Host/Reporter	Major League Baseball Advanced Media
Revolution Earth	Featured	1-800-DR-DIET and 1-800-OPTOMETRIST National Commercials
Buzz	Various	Comedy Network
It's a Good Life...	Socialite	Revolver Prod/ Tragically Hip
Functions of Criticism	Girlfriend	WTN
Sheridan's Liqueur	Ghost	Humber Film Program
Hair of the dog	Secretary	Gifhorse Entertainment
She Ain't Waiting Anymore	Principal	Goodcall Productions
Bruiser	Partygoer	B.E.I Prod/ George A. Romero

COMEDY EXPERIENCE

Selected:

Danny's Upstairs	Yuk Yuk's	Laugh Resort
The Funny Bone	Carolines	New York Comedy Club
Comedy Cove	Rascals	Playbar (U.K.)
Gotham	Broadway Comedy Club	Second City
The Improv	Laura's Laugh Library	Comix

SKETCH EXPERIENCE

Selected:

The Rivoli	Various	Rivoli
Second City	Various	Tim Simms Theatre
The Sofa Plays	Various	The Acting Studio
Mofo Comedy Explosion	Various	DuMaurier Theatre
Humber Sketch Show	Various	St. George Ignatiff Theatre
Humber Sketch Show	Various	AH! Theatre
Humber Industry Show	Various	Hart House Theatre
Rock Bottom – Troupe Member	Various	A Little Sketchy –Understudy

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Relevant Career History

ON-CAMERA TALENT/PRODUCER

Feb 2008 – Present

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ADVANCED MEDIA, New York, NY

Weekly, on-camera host of several segments for MLB.com and MLB Entertainment. Responsible for writing, hosting and producing nationally distributed entertainment and sports content. Assisted the Director of Entertainment and Non-Baseball Content with planning and execution of productions and events. Produced and reported on-camera for notable events such as the All-Star Game at Yankee Stadium, The Civil Rights Game, Bon Jovi's Concert at Central Park, The Songwriter's Hall of Fame Gala, the opening of the Sports Museum of America and the TriBeCa Film Festival. Interviewed notables such as Bette Midler, Meg Ryan, Chris Rock, Ludacris, Matthew Broderick, Jon Bon Jovi, Eva Mendez, Bobby Flay, Eli Manning, Alex Rodriguez and Ichiro Suzuki.

PRODUCER/EMCEE

July 2007 – Present

DANNY AIELLO'S UPSTAIRS COMEDY CLUB, Hoboken, NJ

Directly responsible for all aspects of weekly comedy show including hosting/emceeing, media relations, advertising and marketing, booking of performers and guests, arranging performance and audition schedules, liaison between Mr. Aiello and the performers, and managing show roster. Authority to handle constant changes and make necessary adjustments prior to and during show times.

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER

September 2006 – August 2007

REVOLUTION EARTH PRODUCTIONS, Rutherford, NJ

Responsibilities included supporting Producers and Executives during preproduction, production and post-production. Responsible for managing schedules for production team, liaison between executive staff and vendors, and general administrative duties.

CORPORATE TRAINER/TEAM BUILDING INSTRUCTOR

September 2001 – August 2006

L(earn)2, Toronto, ON

Responsibilities include coach/instructor of programs ranging from team building activities, project and time management, sales and leadership in an interactive, client specific environment. The philosophy of the L(earn)2 organization is to empower participants to achieve the heightened expectations needed by today's business and service organizations. Featured instructor on organization's web site: (<http://www.ilearn2.com/learn2-doug-bolger.html>)

INSTRUCTOR

October 2004 – July 2006

SECOND CITY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, Toronto, ON

Upon graduation from the Second City Conservatory Program, returned to teach development of communication skills, problem solving, creative analyzation and thinking, improvisation and comedy, decision-making processes, and introduction to communication. Class sizes ranged from ten to thirty and ages ranged from eight to adult.

Applicable Skill Set

- National on-camera experience in studio and in the field • Public Speaking • Stand-Up Comedy • Improvisation • Physical Comedy •
 - Creative Writing • Team Building • Problem Solving • Media and Public Relations • Microsoft Word •
- Microsoft Excel • PC Savvy • Celebrity and Professional Athlete Liaison • Driving • Horseback Riding • Interviewing
 - Organization • Event Planning • Basic Knowledge of Final Cut Pro •

Education & Training

Second City Conservatory Program

The Acting Studio – Student of Mark Schoenberg

On Camera Acting – Student of Richard McKenna

Humber College – Writing and Performance

George Brown College – B.A. in Arts and Science

Writing Samples, Reel, Personal and professional references available upon request
