

Host & Emcee Workshop



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In This Course You'll Learn:

- 3 secrets of the best host
- What a Host / Emcee Job really is
- 3 of the Worst Mistakes hosts make that can kill a show
- How to Write great Introduction Jokes that make the audience turn to you every time
- How being a great host can help you get work when others aren't working

What is an Emcee?



3 Secrets of the Best Host



Worst Mistakes that Could Kill a Show

1. Getting your ego in the way
 2. Introducing the comedian as “the funniest man alive.” Especially if it’s a woman.
 3. Call the Audience Stupid / Make fun of the venue
 4. Yell into the mic to create FAKE enthusiasm or excitement.
 5. Start off the show by insulting the audience / creating a heckling environment / Starting a political fight, etc.
 6. Using too much “blue” language setting the wrong tone for the comedians.
 7. Too insulting about the next comedian coming up or the previous comedian who was just there.
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**Every Mistake Can be Turned Into a
Joke Later or the Next Show**

How to Write Great Intro Jokes



Have jokes prepared for things that happen when you emcee

People get up to use the bathroom

A Tray of Drinks Spills

Somebody Sneezes Loudly

Fallacy vs. Reality



New Comedians should be the MC

The 3 C's of Hosting



Confidence
Community
Crowd work

Best Emcee?



Best Emcee can take a low energy crowd and bring them up,
because we know the secret.

1. Intro Joke - Act-out or Superiority
2. Housekeeping... with humor
3. Information based. Did you know?
4. Couple of jokes from my act.
5. Introduce the 1st comedian

Ways to Practice

1. Host shows
2. Do a podcast
3. Listen to intros and copy their style.
4. Practice in front of a mirror or better yet video record yourself practicing your openings.
 - a. During the practice really go through the intro to your jokes to the introduction of the first comedian.
5. Listen back. See where it sounds forced or unnatural. Rewrite if necessary. Practice again.
6. When you know what you're going to say, practice it 25 times.
7. Practice your pre-intros to comedians.
8. Practice your transitions into your intros so they sound smooth.

What can you do as an Emcee?

Game Show Host

Audience Warm Up

Corporate Host

Product/Brand Representative

Toyota Spokesperson

Weather Presenter

How to Win the Audience



Come Prepared

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DON'TS

Don't use volume to replace genuine excitement

Don't make the jokes about yourself.

It's not about you it's about the show and the comedians

Blend your jokes with being present and available to the audience.

Enhance your crowdwork

Don't be fake, just be real and talk to us

Dos

ASK the Club if there are any Drink or Food specials to promote.

Do they have mailing list cards for the audience to fill out?

Are there prizes to give away