



Paula Poundstone

Paula Poundstone is one of the most original and imaginative comedians in the country today. Choosing honesty and her own off-kilter world view over anger and the usual gender-biased topics of relationships, diets, men or sex, Paula was among a handful of comics who came to prominence in the comedy-wild '80s whose talent was so genuine as to leave her standing when the craze finally ended. Her offbeat interpretations of everyday life, including the peaks and valleys of parenting, come from her own experiences and have led to an ever-increasing list of accomplishments.

Paula grew up in Sudbury, Massachusetts (a suburb of Boston) and began performing at open mike nights in 1979, quickly rising to the top in her field. In addition to the two CableACE Awards, she's won an American Comedy Award and a local Emmy for her work on PBS station KCET's acclaimed series *Life & Times*. She did her own, very risky - and therefore, very short-lived - talk show in '95. As a contributing editor at *Mother Jones* magazine, she's penned humorous columns on topics ranging from Spam to Ping-Pong. Paula is both producer and voice on an award-winning children's audio book project titled "Completely Yours." She has also contributed to such varied publications as the *Los Angeles Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Glamour* and *Buzz* magazine. Other projects include participating in the annual Comic Relief benefits, working as the "official correspondent" for the Tonight Show during the '92 presidential race, and headlining the prestigious White House Correspondents Dinner in '92 (as the first woman ever asked to do so). She was also the first person ever to provide backstage commentary at the Emmys in '93, and the first stand-up comic invited (repeatedly) to be a guest on Garrison Keillor's "Prairie Home Companion" radio show. She has added humor to the pre- and post-shows for the '94 Oscars, acted as a special correspondent for The Rosie O'Donnell Show, and been spotted on numerous Comedy Specials and television shows. Currently she's voicing the character of Judge Stone for ABC's Saturday morning animated TV series *Squigglevision*.

Having first become a foster parent in 1993, after completing classes for certification, Paula now lives the hectic life of a single mom in a household filled with her foster and adopted children, nine cats and three



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