

## Maureen Langan—*One Feisty Female*



**T**here was once a wee lass with a Ralph Kramden-like garbage-man father. He tried to convince her that the headless dolls he brought her after a day's rounds were just "create-a-face Barbie," and that all kids ride bicycles without seats. Her mother, whose brogue sounded like a female Barry Fitzgerald, tried to convince the young

colleen she was the second of six "emasculate" conceptions. This might sound like a childhood that would immediately have you pass go and head straight to stand-up comedy as a profession, but the feisty and fabulous Maureen Langan took a detour first, creating and hosting the "Lifestyles" segments for Bloomberg radio and television. There she provided comic relief, showing a talent and flair for commentary and satirizing the news that she still uses on stage today. Her interviews ranged from famous heavy hitters like Mel Brooks to wannabes, and she even made Fabio funny.

One day, however, she found herself looking for a new job and a way to continue to use her talents. She had to pay her entertainment dues all over again, only this time to become a stand-up comic. Soon she was producing professional-quality shows at Stand-Up New York

and giving many a fabulous female the stage time to grow and develop, as well as doing her own sets. She also put together seminars at the Friars Club, where she's a member, and was constantly working, learning, or trying to give other performers a chance to shine, always making sure to let us know about them as well as herself. From the first audition tape she sent us a few years back, to the tight, laughter-filled comedy sets she now

does at Caesars and the Tropicana in Atlantic City, to her regular appearances at NYC's Comic Strip and all over the country, she is a perfect example of someone who worked hard, earned every break, and has reinvented herself into a very talented and funny comedienne who deserves the great year we've been watching her have and many more to come.

You'll soon see her as a reporter interviewing Christine Baranski in the film "Marci X" (the new Damon Wayans-Lisa Kudrow project) and she's currently in Sigourney Weaver's new film "The Guys." She's also in the new promo campaign for the Food Network. With her wonderful Irish background and her feisty streak, Langan would make a great sitcom wife, mom, or fun character (especially in a newsroom or broadcast setting). She'd also add some levity as an on-air personality for E!, or the Style network, but with continued shows like the recent killer set we saw an audience go crazy for at Carolines, it's understandable why Langan is happiest living her dream as a stand-up.