

# MAUREEN LANGAN

**2011 BEST of FEST Winnipeg Comedy Festival**

**2009 MAC Award Winner**

**2009 Finalist San Francisco Comedy Competition**

I am a New York City-based standup comic - been one for 14 years. My Irish immigrant mother and garbage man father told me and my five siblings that if we got educated and worked hard then life would reward us. I scoff at them. Life is rewarding Paris Hilton, the Kardashians, and those freaks of The Jersey Shore.

It makes me crazy! People ask “What does a gal from New Jersey have to do to make it in the biz?” Apparently, she has to do a governor from New York.

I’m a regular at Carolines on Broadway, one of the country’s premiere comedy clubs. I perform at clubs and festivals throughout the United States and the world, including Ireland, Scotland, Canada, New York, Boston, and Nantucket. I’ve opened for Joy Behar, Steven Wright, and Rosie O’Donnell.

Prior to my life as a comic, I was a broadcast journalist for public television, where I covered politics and issues, and **Bloomberg TV & Radio**, where I satirized news and did man-on-the-street and celebrity interviews. I created and hosted **The Radio Ritas**, a nationally-syndicated morning talk show. I’ve chatted with Howard Stern, Joan Rivers, Phyllis Diller, George Carlin and many others. I’ve won awards, made money, and had a dental plan. I got into journalism because I had questions; now all you need is cleavage.

I continue to contribute commentary on television. I’ve been on **The Joy Behar Show**, **Fox’s Red Eye**, **MSNBC**, **ABC News**, and **The Onion**. I’ve also appeared on **Comics Unleashed**, **HBO**, in the **Paramount Pictures film “Marci X,”** and in many national commercials. The Newswomen’s Club of NYC named me **Best Commentator**, and Planned Parenthood honored me with their prestigious **Magee Award** for commentary.

The Manhattan Association of Clubs and Cabarets (**MAC**) voted me **Best Female Comic of 2009**, which means the gay boys dig me, and I dig them. I was a finalist in the **2009 San Francisco Comedy Competition**. They tell me I’m the first woman in nearly two decades to finish in the top three. The last one was Ellen Degeneres.

Some people have said nice things about me. Some have not, but for now the nice will suffice:

*“Langan made me laugh till I wet my pants. Not nice for a guy my age.  
She is to comedy what James Brown was to soul.”*

**Jerry Stiller, Comedian and Actor**

*“Smartly piercing wit...*

*Bitterness is a useful comic tool and Langan wields it with skill and precision. ‘I feel like Canada,’ she gripes. ‘I’ve got so much to offer, but nobody gives a sh-t.’”*

**Steve Bennett, Chortle.com**

*“Maureen is wry and wicked. Audiences love her and so do I!”*

**Joy Behar, The View and The Joy Behar Show**

*“With her wonderful Irish background and her feisty streak, Langan would make a great sitcom wife, mom or character. She’d be a great addition to E! Television or Comedy Central.”*

**Amelia David, Backstage Magazine**

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HERE YOU GO:**

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