



JOHN-MICHAEL HOWSON | WRITER

John-Michael Howson was born in Melbourne, Australia, after graduating from college in Western Australia he became a radio and newspaper journalist in Mildura, a city founded by California immigrants, in the state of Victoria before moving on to radio journalism in Melbourne. It was then he became involved in writing sketches and comedy routines for a number of “Off Broadway” style revue theatres that flourished at that time. Howson then moved to London where he worked as a fashion journalist around Europe and at the same time freelanced writing comedy routines for cabaret entertainment, TV shows and comedians.

Returning to Australia he wrote for late night TV shows before creating and writing multi-award children’s tv shows. Howson followed these with writing for various top-rated late night and daytime talk shows as well as becoming a popular on camera guest on TV, as well as top radio talk shows. During this period he also wrote for numerous TV specials, Royal Command performances for Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Charles and Princess Diana. He also wrote shows starring a long list of pop icons including the Rolling Stones, Olivia Newton-John and a dazzling list of entertainment legends.

Later, Howson was contracted by Australia’s nine network to cover entertainment in Hollywood and spent some years in Los Angeles covering Hollywood for Australian television, radio and print press. Returning to Australia he hosted a top-rated radio show in Melbourne.

He also collaborated on writing a musical about Australia’s first Rock ‘n’ Roll star Johnny O’Keefe which was a smash hit down under, he followed it by collaborating on a musical “Dusty” about pop queen Dusty Springfield, another hit, then came a successful show about Australia’s surfing culture “Pyjamas in Paradise” and then “Dream Lover” about Bobby Darin which was a massive hit down under. Continuing his penchant for biographical musicals he then wrote “Swing Sisters” about the iconic close harmony legends the Andrews sisters. Apart from winning a score of “Logies” Australia’s Emmys. Howson was awarded an Order of Australia medal for services to writing by Queen Elizabeth in 2009.