

# Richard Wilkins

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## *Host, MC and celebrity entertainment editor*

Richard Wilkins' experience and depth of talent and ability speaks for itself. He is without doubt Australia's most respected and credible television host, compere, journalist and MC both here and overseas.

Richard is familiar to anyone who has lived in Australia, switched on a TV, picked up a magazine or listened to the radio. New Zealand born, for over 20 years he has been at the forefront of Australasian television, a milestone in anyone's language.

He has interviewed practically every major star in the world of film and music from Billy Connolly, Bruce Springsteen, Neil Diamond, Robbie Williams, Olivia Newton-John, Britney Spears, Barbara Streisand, Barry Humphries / Dame Edna and countless others. As well as hosted a myriad of top rating TV specials from the eight-hour Millennium Live, the Annual Tropicfest Short Film Special and for ten years, the New Year's Eve Festivities and Fireworks over Sydney Harbour.

## **More about Richard Wilkins:**

Richard moved across the Tasman in 1980 and got his break as the host of *MTV Australia* - a six year run that established him as one of the country's hottest properties.

He also established himself as the MC of choice, hosting everything from the Australian Record Industry Awards, Australian Fashion Awards, Miss Australia Awards, the Annual Oscars telecast and a plethora of corporate events for A-list clients including Qantas and American Express.

Richard has been the Master of Ceremonies at the G'Day LA and G'Day USA Gala Events in Los Angeles and New York that honour the likes of Nicole Kidman, Mel Gibson, Cate Blanchett, Russell Crowe, Olivia Newton John, Keith Urban, Hugh Jackman and the late Steve Irwin. Amongst Richard's other memorable MC moments was hosting the nightly entertainment at Centennial Park in Atlanta (where the bomb went off during the 1996 Olympic Games) in front of 100,000 people each night.

Richard's celebrity interviews receive an outstanding response when posted on Australia's number one on-line news provider *Ninemsn*. He has written for the *Bulletin Magazine* and is always in



demand for overseas networks when Russell, Kylie, Nicole, Cate or some other famous Aussie is making news. Richard has also hosted hundreds of charity events over the years from Corporate Countdown, the Victor Chang Foundation, the Sony Foundation and “Forever Green” for the Steve Waugh Foundation. He was presented with the Variety Club’s “Heart of Variety” Award in 2000 for his outstanding humanitarian efforts.

In 2006 Richard returned to the stage, winning acclaim for his role as Vince Fontaine in the mega-production *Grease: the Arena Spectacular*.

As Network Nine’s Entertainment Editor, Richard has filed daily reports for the national *Today Show*, regular stories for prime time *A Current Affair*, *network News* and a multitude of other outlets.

## Client testimonials

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“ Richard was great! Really professional, lots of fun to work with and very gracious towards the client!

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