

The Mark & Brian Show

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The Mark & Brian Show is an American radio talk show hosted by Mark Thompson and Brian Phelps, known on the air as "Mark & Brian." The syndicated program originates weekday mornings from KLOS-FM in Los Angeles, California, and blends comedy sketches, listener phone calls, interviews with in-studio guests, and the occasional road trip.

In 1985, Thompson was working as a disc jockey when he was introduced to Phelps, whose background was in improvisational comedy. Their first joint on-air appearance was on WAPI-FM (I-95) in Birmingham, Alabama. An offer to move west and take over the morning slot at KLOS culminated in the premiere of *The Mark & Brian Show* in September 1987.

Mark & Brian are two-time winners of the *Billboard Magazine* "Air Personalities of the Year" award, and received a 1991 National Association of Broadcasters Marconi Award as "Air Personalities of the Year." They have also received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The Mark & Brian Show includes various sketches and annual events (including a golf tournament). Popular sketches include "The Red Carpet Minute" with Edward Gordon, "Miniature Theater", and other celebrity-based sketches. In 2006, they conducted a reality TV-based contest called "Two Strangers and a Wedding," in which single women auditioned to be the bride, then chose from five male finalists to marry--without ever meeting prior to the wedding. In 2007, the concept was modified to "Three Strangers and a Wedding," in which the bride chose two of the five male finalists to come to the wedding. Upon meeting the bride at the wedding, the grooms had the option of proposing to the bride, who could then accept either proposal or decline them both. Both resulting marriages were brief, and ended in divorce.

Mark & Brian released three CD compilations of material from their morning show: *All of Me* (1995), *You Had To Be There* (1997), and *Little Drummer Boys* (2000). All proceeds were donated to their favorite charities.

The popularity of their radio show gave Mark & Brian several opportunities to branch out into other entertainment media. In 1991-92, they hosted a short-lived NBC TV series, *The Adventures of Mark & Brian*. The duo also appeared in several motion pictures, notably *Jason Goes to Hell: The Final Friday* (the 1993 ninth installment of the *Friday the 13th* series), the documentary *Trekkies* (1997), and *The Princess Diaries* (2001).

Mark & Brian convinced Frank Jordan, mayor of San Francisco, California to shower with them, completely nude, during a live radio show just prior to election day. Many attribute Jordan's 1995 election defeat to this stunt. [1] (<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/object/article?f=/c/a/2007/02/02/MNGHNNTLGO1.DTL&o=0>)

Former producers include Nicole Sandler, Johnny Vega, Rosemary Jimenez and Frank Murphy (Radio) (aka "Mr. Owl"). Their current producer is Ted Lekas.

Mark and Brian signed a three-year contract extension in August 2009.

External links

- Mark & Brian Official Website (<http://www.markandbrian.com>)
- Mark & Brian biography (<http://www.chotank.com/datamark.html>)
- Mark & Brian Archive Fan Site (<http://www.rarefootagevault.com>)
- Mark & Brian Fan Site (<http://www.markandbrian.net>)
- Mark & Brian events and more (<http://home.earthlink.net/~markandbrian/>)
- Mark Thompson (<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0860461/>) at the Internet Movie Database
- Brian Phelps (<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0679778/>) at the Internet Movie Database

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