

# Joanne Kammy



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## Diva Comedian Extraordinaire



The emancipation of Joanne Kam into the entertainment industry in the 90s, turned around and introduces a whole new meaning of comedy in the conservative night scene of Kuala Lumpur. The explosion of her talent on stage also catapulted the success of Kuala Lumpur's first cabaret club called the **Boom Boom Room**. **Boom Boom Room** quickly became the Studio 54 of Kuala Lumpur with Joanne Kam, reigning as its risqué mistress, dishing out her scandalous jokes to her ocean of eager fans that commuted weekly to pay tribute to the "Diva Queen". Kuala Lumpur was never the same again.

Joanne's distinct style of acid tongue humor earned her the reputation of being one of the most notoriously funny lady on Malaysian stage. The audience just couldn't get enough of her candid, risqué jokes.

Her outfits as well were a statement of their own, tight fitting sequins gowns with plunging necklines that accentuated Joanne's full ample assets. Her style created a revolution and confidence booster for women of all shapes & sizes who started idolizing her for her daring fashion sense. Bigger-sized females in Kuala Lumpur began showing off their ample curves instead of covering up in sacks and having as much fun as their skinny counterparts. KL was shocked and in awe, and fell head over heels for this bawdy, voluptuous comedian.

Besides holding court at the **Boom Boom Room** cabaret, Joanne also did her fair share of TV appearances in local sitcoms such as NTV7's highly rated comedy series **Kopitiam**, **Spanar Jaya** and "**Ah Girl**". She also co hosted an episode of **Six degrees of Separation** with Asha Gill for the Lonely planet.

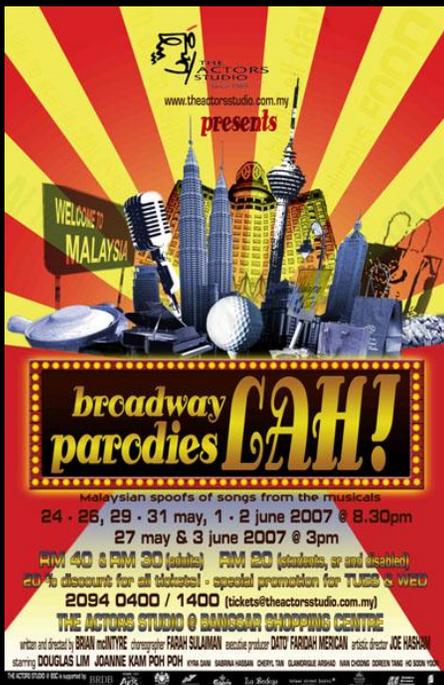
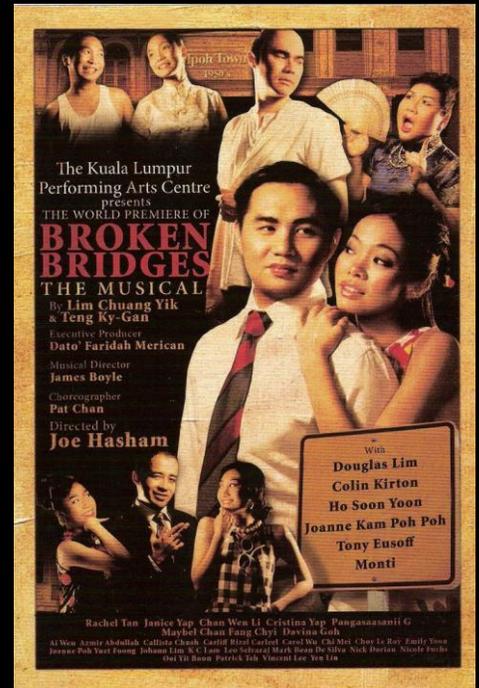
Ever the versatile performer, Joanne also co-hosted the **Saturday morning program** on **Mix FM 94.5** in 2003, one of the nation's leading radio station for a 6 months stint and due to overwhelming popular demand, she returned to **Mix FM** in 2006, this time co-hosting the morning breakfast show with Richard & Shazmin.

Joanne's first foray into theater started with Actor Studio's **Life Sdn Bhd 2**, where she left behind her sequin dresses and performed in just a casual T-shirt and jeans. Dress or no dress, Joanne worked her magic with the theatre-goers and the rest as they say is history!

In Christmas 2005, Joanne landed the role of the wicked stepmother in Paul Loosely's successful pantomime **Cinderella** at KL Pac, acting along side the likes of Elaine Daly, Indy of Comedy Court, comedian Douglas Lim from Kopitiam fame and TV star, Zaibo of TV sitcom *Phua Chu Kang* fame.

The following year, Joanne played "Yat Soh" in the Boh Cameronian award winning musical, **Broken Bridges**. As the eldest of the 3 aunts, Ms Kam played Yat Soh with such zealous passion that her '3 fingers' ruling for girls became an instant hit.

Not long after she also headlined **Broadway Parodies lah**, an original Malaysian musical comedy which played to sold out audiences during its run at the Actors Studio.



Paul Loosely's new Christmas pantomime, **Aladdin**, which takes its inspiration from the Beatles, saw Joanne as the **Empress of China**.

The year 2005 was a very poignant year as she started her own entertainment & events company called **toniQ creative** and a new chapter began. In 2008, she produced her first theater cabaret musical called **KAM ....In Your Face** where she produced, co-wrote and also starred in. The show was also the first time Malaysian theater was exposed to Cabaret style showcase. The 2 weeks run was completely sold out.

Next was Eve **Enslers's The Good Body** which opened under

the patronage of Tourism Minister Dato' Sri Dr. Ng Yen Yen. One of play's platform aims to help raise awareness to stop violence against women and part proceeds from the play was donated to the Womens Aid Organization (WAO).

In 2010, Joanne produced William Shakespeare's **Taming of the Shrew** turning it into a Bollywood Cabaret extravaganza which created a stir of excitement in the industry. She took on the role as the hard headed Kate while stringing along celebrities such as Vince Chong, Ash Nair, Junji Delfino and THR morning show host Aanantha as the Petruchio the hero who tamed the shrew.

Her versatile talent has made her one of the most sought after artist in the industry, with her knack of entertaining all levels of audiences. Her quick wit coupled with her ability to adapt allows her to charm her crowd with professional ease and have them lapping up her inimitable brand of



humor that they can't seem to get enough of her.

Joanne joined international travelling TV personality **Ian Wright** as his guide to Malaysia in **Invite Mr Wright** which first aired on the **TLC channel** in January 2011.

April 2011 also saw **Esquire** launch a Malaysian edition of their fabulous magazine with Joanne joining the ranks of their the MaHB (Man at His Best) columnists as Esquire's local **sex columnist**

In November of the same year she emceed the biggest comedy show in Asia the **Kings & Queen of Comedy Asia 2** to thunderous applause and won over many new fans as well as thrilled her faithful followers. The showcase saw an audience of 2800 paxs per night.

Joanne finished off this busy year by joining **Capital FM**, a new radio station **for women, by women**, presenting the Talk of the Town morning show with Xanda Ooi.

Joanne teamed up with top Malaysian female entertainers the likes of Daphne Iking, Joanna Bessey, Shamaine Othman, Maya Tan & the iconic Jo Kukhatas in May 2012 to bring an ALL female All star cast – never before done in the realm of comedy in Malaysia – to the stage in the **Super Kam & the League of Extraordinary Femmes** show. Powered with hilarious punches and fierce attitude the show was completely sold out for 4 nights.



Returning to theatre in November 2012, Joanne teamed up with actor and friend Tony Eusoff to bring the house down in the American Comedy Play **Romantic Fools** written by Rich Orloff. The show featured other actors in the industry such as Iedil Putra, Chelshia Ng, Sarah Sharum and Megat Sharizal and ran for 2 weeks in KL and 3 days in Penang.

At the moment, Joanne presents "**The Really Really Late Breakfast show**" with Papi Zak and Kavin on **Red FM** 104.9 from 2 – 5pm weekdays.

In March 2014 Joanne reunited with her League of Extraordinary Femmes for a number of sold out performances of an all new **SUPER KAM 2: The 2nd Kam-ming** Starring Joanne, Daphne Iking, Shamaine Othman, Sharul Channa & Hosted by Papi Zak.

Joanne Kam is **currently still the only female stand-up comedian** in Malaysia and her reign remains unchallenged, sealing her DIVA status. Albeit she has since lost some of the weight from her **Unisense** ambassador stint, she has lost none of the funny and looking even more va-va-voom than ever!

Keep up with all of Joanne's latest on social media using the links below & on her website, <http://www.joannekam.my>



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