

Anh's Brush with Fame



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Anh Do returns to his painting studio with 10 prominent Australians in the much-awaited second series of *Anh's Brush With Fame*.

The charismatic comedian, writer and portrait painter delves beyond the public faces of his well-known subjects to capture not only their likeness, but their spirit.

Along the way, we learn the inspirational, unconventional and occasionally heartbreaking stories that have shaped their lives. From Darwin songstress Jessica Mauboy to inspirational family violence campaigner Rosie Batty, we learn that every journey is different and that everyone has a story to tell.

Anh invites us to join him in an intimate and revealing conversation with some of our biggest names. But when it comes time to reveal their portrait, how will they react?

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Synopses for episodes 1-4

Episode 1: Jessica Mauboy, TX: 12 April



The talented Darwin girl joins Anh in studio to talk about her journey to chart and television success, and the family that made it possible.

Episode 2: Rosie Batty, TX: 19 April

Rosie has put family violence on the national agenda. In a revealing and candid episode, can Anh capture her irrepressible strength and resilience?



Episode 3: Anthony Field, TX: 26 April



He's one of the world's most successful children's entertainers, but the Blue Wiggle's radiant smile has often masked a tough personal battle.

Episode 4: Megan Gale, TX: 3 May

The straight-talking Gale has made a career of her beauty, but as she shares her triumphs and heartbreaks, it is her passion that informs Anh's portrait.



Anh Do

Anh Do is an accomplished author, actor, producer, artist and comedian, a man who went from being a starving refugee at the age of three to one of Australia's best-loved entertainers, an incredible story detailed in his multi award-winning and enormously popular memoir *The Happiest Refugee*.

After bagging all the comedy awards around town, including the Sydney Comedian of the Year, and appearing on all the TV shows that feature comedians, including *Thank God You're Here* and *Rove Live*, Anh finally realized that those regular gigs at Rooty Hill bikers club would one day get him killed, so he has since supplemented the income with acting, film producing, painting and writing.

In 2003, Anh co-produced the film *The Finished People*. It was described by Margaret Pomeranz as 'one of the best Australian films of the year'. We then saw the release of *Footy Legends* in 2006, which Anh was the star along-side Claudia Karvan and Matthew Johns.

Although he is a terrible dancer, Anh got to the grand finale of *Dancing with the Stars*. This success saw him offered his own TV show *Made in China with Anh Do* – an Olympics special which rated through the roof. Anh has since gone on to produce the hugely successful *Anh Does* series.

Anh's true passion is comedy. Playing to sellout crowds across the country with his enormously popular stage show *The Happiest Refugee Live* - a five-star show loosely based around his memoir.

Anh has turned his hand to acting, film producing, writing and the speaking world, where he has proven an incredibly popular MC, motivational keynote speaker and corporate entertainer.

The Happiest Refugee: A memoir was published in 2010, won numerous awards including 2011 Australian Book of the Year, Biography of the Year and Newcomer of the Year, as well as 2011 Indie Book of the Year and Non-fiction Indie Book, and being shortlisted for the 2011 NSW Premier's Literary Awards and the Community Relations Commission Award. It describes how his entire family came close to losing their lives at sea as they escaped from war-torn Vietnam in an overcrowded boat, facing murderous pirates and the imminent threat of death by hunger, disease and dehydration, to Anh's current status as one of Australia's best-loved personalities.

In 2014 saw Anh become a finalist in the Archibald Prize for his portrait of his Father. He won the People's choice award which was an amazing achievement.

And right at the end of the biography (because it's something he doesn't like to admit), in 1999 Anh completed a Bachelor of Business and was 6 months away from completing a Bachelor of Laws at the University of Technology, Sydney. The threat of having to go back to finish his law degree ensures that Anh works hard at his acting and comedy career.

