



MARGARET CHO

Comedian

With her mother, 1970s



"I had flaming pink and orange hair, so I was visually loud but never said a word. I was a terrible student—I just didn't go to class. I dropped out senior year, 1986."

Education

San Francisco School of the Arts



"I did sets at this club, Holy City Zoo, and Robin Williams would come perform. It was such a nightmare to be a teenager and follow Robin Williams."

Work Experience

1987–90
Salesperson, Stormy Leather, San Francisco

1988–93
Stand-up comic

1993–95
Producer, star of *All-American Girl*, ABC

1995–2004
Stand-up comic, author

2004–05
Screenwriter, star of *Bam Bam and Celeste*

2005–15
Stand-up comic, concert host

2008
Executive producer, star, *The Cho Show*, VH1

2014–Present
Recording artist, executive producer, stand-up comic

At the Comedy Hall of Fame, 1990

"I was doing comedy, drinking a lot, and being pretty self-destructive. Then I did a show about all that, *I'm the One That I Want*, which was very successful and turned into my first book."



"I did half a dozen tours and hosted *True Colors*, Cyndi Lauper's tour. I got to be with people that I'd idolized—Joan Jett, Debbie Harry, the Indigo Girls—and watch great rock shows. I went on between every act and learned how to do large-arena audiences."

"It was a docu-series, like the *Kardashians*. If it had happened a few years later, the show would've lasted longer."

Starting in 2015, Cho became Special Co-host for *Fashion Police* on E!

"*American Myth*, out April 29, is the first album I've composed music for. It's rock 'n' roll, and I'm really proud. I have *Highland*, a show about a family that runs a marijuana dispensary that I'm co-creating for Amazon. And I'm touring."



The album from her 2002 one-woman show, *Notorious C.H.O.*



With Richard Jeni (left) and Bruce Vilanch at Comic Relief, 1995

"It's about two misfit kids on a road trip. I was encouraged to make the movie by Quentin Tarantino, who was my boyfriend in the '90s."



As a guest on *The Late Show With Stephen Colbert*, 2015

Life Lessons

1. "If it's painful, you're learning something." 2. "Respect your audience. It's a big deal for somebody to come see you." 3. "Let it go. Whatever it is, let it go."

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