## **Marion Grodin**

## Bio

When it comes to comedy, Marion Grodin can pretty much do it all....When it comes to life...well, she's still working on paying her parking tickets, and trying not to eat cake.

Marion started out as a staff writer for the network sitcoms "It's a Living" and "Princesses", was put under contract to Twentieth Century Fox, and later went on to sell six screenplays. Just as she was about to embark on her seventh screenplay, it dawned on her that her father had not lovingly nicknamed her "Mouth" for nothing; she decided it was time to start saying all these funny things she was writing for other people to say...

So, for the last decade, Marion Grodin has been one of the hottest comics in the country. She is a favorite at New York City's top clubs, including Standup NY and Gotham Comedy Club, where she regularly headlines. As one of the country's top emcees, Marion's incredible ability to improvise has allowed her to master the art of talking with the audience. Always willing to be as self-revealing as she is probing of the audience...this affectionately edgy style has become Marion's trademark. The result is a hilariously personal show that makes the audience feel like it was custom-made just for them.

Marion has toured with Linda Ronstadt, opened for Lewis Black, Judy Gold, and Robert Klein...as well as having shared the stage with Jerry Seinfeld, Dave Chappelle, Roseanne Barr and Robin Williams. She has performed for 1000+ seat rooms and for A+ private events, including Gilda's Club and Ethel Kennedy's annual fundraisers.

Marion has also been seen on NBC's Late Night with Conan O'Brien, and ABC's The View. In addition, she worked as the Charles Grodin show's comedy producer, making regular appearances on the MSNBC show, as well as conducting comedic celebrity interviews. Marion also hosted her own radio show for CBS, over a two year period, where her guests included friends, like Lisa Lampanelli, Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara, Kyra Sedgewick, and Lewis Black.

In addition to her standup, Marion has most recently produced two highly successful fundraisers, starring such luminaries as Martin Short, Lewis Black, Regis Philbin, Charles Grodin, and Paul Shaffer.

Marion knows firsthand that laughter is truly the best medicine, having survived breast cancer, divorce, and various addictions – including an inappropriate relationship to Haagen Dazs. Her dream is to be able to integrate her diverse life experiences, genuine concern for people, and unstoppable ability to make EVERYTHING funny...in a forum that would be both entertaining and helpful to other people.

In the tradition of Carrie Fisher's "Wishful Drinking" Marion's hilarious and heartbreaking book - "Standing Up - A Memoir Of A Funny (Not Always) Life" is published by Center Street, Hachette.

Talk show anyone?

