

Piscopo Bio

Television, film, theater, nightclubs—they're all fields in which Joe Piscopo has won the acclaim and affection of millions. For over 25 years, Joe has proven to be one of show business' brightest lights. After stints as a disc jockey and dinner-theater performer, Joe turned to comedy. In 1980, he was chosen to join a newly formed ensemble charged with one of the most difficult tasks in TV history—replacing the original cast of Saturday Night Live.

By the time he left the show in 1985, Joe had left his mark on the program, and the nation, thanks to his wide range of hilarious original characters and celebrity impersonations, from The Sports Guy and Doug Whiner to David Letterman and, of course, Frank Sinatra, who repeatedly endorsed Joe's portrayal of him, referring to Joe as 'The Vice-Chairman of the Board.'

His work on SNL naturally led to Hollywood, and starring roles in such smash hits as *Wise Guys* (with Danny DeVito) and *Johnny Dangerously* (with Michael Keaton). Other film credits include "Dead Heat, *Sidekicks with Chuck Norris* and a dramatic, critically acclaimed performance in Jonathan Parker's *Bartleby*. Joe recently had the lead role of Jack Cosmo in the musical comedy, "How Sweet It Is" with Paul Sorvino.

Live performances have always been an important part of Joe's career. He has long been one of America's most popular comedy concert attractions, filling arenas and casino showrooms from coast to coast and in Canada. (Including the prestigious Montreal Jazz Festival!) Joe tours with his own original Big Band tribute to Frank Sinatra, as well as his multimedia comedy show.

Joe has also won acclaim for his dramatic guest-starring roles on the NBC drama, *Law and Order*. You might have also seen Joe as a guest on The FOX News Channel, or co-hosting The Columbus Day Parade each year in NYC with Maria Bartiromo or on The Late Show with David Letterman.

Although his unique talents are in constant demand from show business quarters, Joe devotes an extraordinary amount of time to non-profit and charitable activities. His willingness to give back knows no limits. As the Spokesperson for Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey, Joe is now lending his time and talents to fundraising, public relations, and advocacy on behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs. We are fortunate to have such commitment and passion from a man who keeps such a busy schedule. He truly is "Jerseys Best."

For his support of our US Military Forces, Joe was honored to receive the Commendation Medal, the highest civilian award from the state of New Jersey.

Most recently Joe was among the 2013 class of inductees to the New Jersey Hall of Fame. You can hear Joe everyday on the radio, from 6am -10am leading the morning drive for Salem Media's Flagship Station, AM 970 "The Answer."

Although Joe's impressive career and public service include several major accomplishments, he insists his proudest achievement of all is twice being named Father of the Year, in 1983 by the National Father's Day Council, and in 1989 by the New Jersey Council of Children's Rights. No matter how busy he may be, Joe always makes sure he has enough time at his New Jersey home, for his children, Joey (an

impressive talent, in his own right!), Alexandra, Michael, Olivia and Charley-Rae.