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GORGI COGHLAN

You will currently see Gorgi as regular co-host on Network Ten's prime time program 'The Project', alongside Peter Helliar, Waleed Aly, Lisa Wilkinson & Carrie Bickmore. Gorgi's diverse experience in news, current affairs, media, journalism, travel, musical theatre, science, education and professional singing, have made her a valued member of the panel for the past seven years and one of the most well-rounded television presenters in the industry.

Most recently, Gorgi was revealed as the Monster on the show that captivated the nation, The Masked Singer Australia. A fan favourite, Gorgi performed soul stirring ballads from strong

female artists and achieved third place in Australia's first season of the worldwide sensation.

Gorgi's vast experience in television has seen her co-host the Logie Award winning morning show 'The Circle' alongside Chrissie Swan, Yumi Stynes and Denise Drysdale on Channel Ten from 2010 to 2012. Prior to this, Gorgi was the Melbourne reporter and travel presenter on 'The Today Show' and the Melbourne reporter for 'Early Edition News', both on the Nine Network, as well as a regular reporter on the 6pm Nine News Bulletin. Gorgi has also hosted 'Holidays for Sale' and the Victorian travel show 'Postcards'.

Gorgi holds a Bachelor of Science (majoring in pharmacology and zoology) and a Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) specialising in biology and science, both from Monash University. Gorgi taught four years of secondary college from 1999 to 2003 and managed and coordinated 240 students at year levels 9, 10 and V.C.E. Gorgi's teaching responsibilities included Year 12 Biology, Year 11 Biology, Years 7-10 Science and Forensic Science. Gorgi was honoured to return to Monash and present the keynote address at the 2015 graduation ceremony.

Gorgi is an accomplished and classically trained singer and professional stage performer. She has performed at many prestigious events such as Alannah and Madeline Foundations Starry Starry Night Ball, where Gorgi and her The Project co-host Waleed Aly gave the performance of the night singing 'Fields of Gold'. This then

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followed with a recording, for the second time, on 'Spirit of Christmas', raising funds for the Salvation Army, where she sang 'River' again with Waleed accompanying her. Gorgi also supports music close to home, initiating the inaugural Music on the Mount concert in 2016 to raise money for the Buninyong Primary School music program.

Viewers have delighted in her performances on the prestigious Channel 9 'Carols by Candlelight' in 2006, 2007 and 2008, as well as Channel Nine's Singing Bee and ABBAMANIA. Her live stage performances also include 'We Will Rock You', when in 2003 Gorgi was hand-picked by Queen band members Brian May and Roger Taylor for the smash hit Queen / Ben Elton musical. Gorgi played the understudy to the lead role 'OZ' for the nine-month run in Melbourne at the Regent Theatre. Following on from that, she performed with David Campbell at the Melbourne Arts Centre in the Production Company season of the musical 'Carousel'.

Gorgi is a proud ambassador for The Langham (Melbourne) hosting a range of events for them throughout the year including; celebratory high teas & breakfasts and Spring Racing luncheons.

An active philanthropist, Gorgi is an Ambassador for Ronald McDonald House (Parkville, Melbourne) and is an enthusiastic supporter of The Leukaemia Foundation, the Ballarat Children's Hospital ward and Alzheimer's Australia. In 2016, Gorgi, along with Meshel Laurie and Tim Minchin raised awareness for the survivors of child sex abuse by the Catholic Church, raising over \$100,000 for the campaign.

Gorgi grew up in Warrnambool, Victoria, on a sheep farm. She is a former state level equestrian competitor and currently enjoys dressage on her warmblood mare.

Along with her husband and business partner, Gorgi is the proud owner of the Provincial Hotel, a landmark establishment in Ballarat. The Provincial Hotel won the 'boutique style accommodation of the year' category in the 2019 Tourism Accommodation Awards (TAA) for Victoria.

Gorgi has found a perfect balance currently commuting from her family farm where she lives with her husband and daughter, Molly-Rose, whilst enjoying her various media roles.