

KERRI POMAROLLI

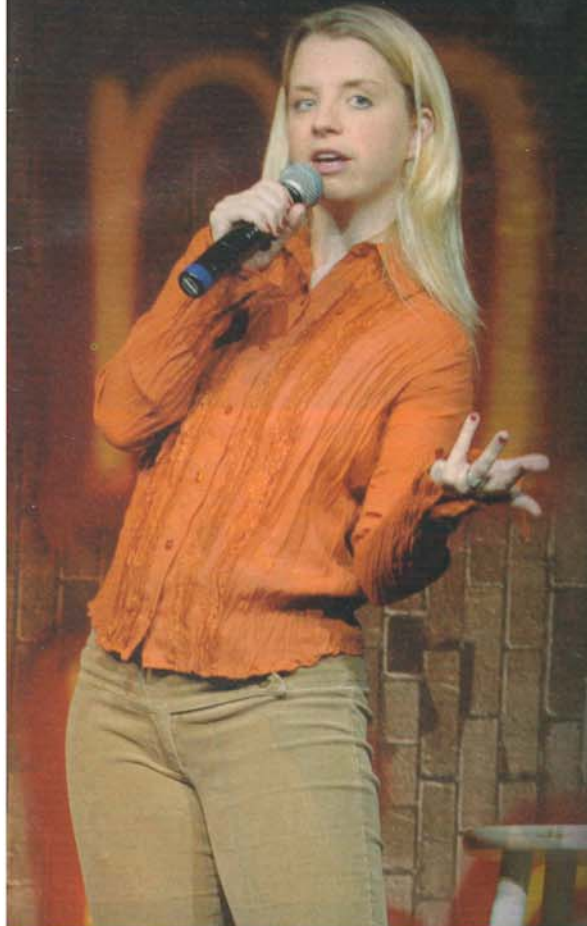
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Picture it. A room full of people waiting to hear you speak. You slowly walk to center stage and grab the microphone. After only a few sentences, the entire audience begins laughing hysterically at you. Most people cringe at the thought of a large crowd of people laughing at them. But for comedian Kerri Pomarolli, it's what makes her come alive.

As an actress in Hollywood, Kerri watched her faith come into play in her career. Vying for projects she wanted to do in the secular markets of film and television, things got more compromising. Little by little she saw that the doors of the secular entertainment market were closing for her. "I am a Type-A workaholic, but I kept getting pushed out of the circles I used to be in," says Kerri. That's when she set out on a new adventure. "God really came to me to do stand up comedy," Kerri says. Now, even though she is following the path that God has set out for her, Kerri still faces challenges in her career. "When I entered comedy I just had to compete with the dirty women. I am so far to the other side," says Kerri. "I pray before shows. I always call myself an 'out of the closet Christian'. It's a spiritual battle and I have to always remember that we Christians are dangerous, and the enemy wants to shut us down." Today, if she auditions for the perfect role but doesn't get the part, Kerri doesn't sweat it. "I just have to realize that show wasn't my assignment. My assignment might be to go to Chicago that weekend and preach the gospel, tell jokes and pray for people." Even in her personal life Kerri has become incredibly aware of God and His love for her. "Once, I had gone on one of those Christian dating sites, and one of my so-called "suitors" became an all out stalker. The police were involved and everything," Kerri says. "It shook me

to the very core and I remember leaning into God wholeheartedly, and He showed up." After ending a serious dating relationship, Kerri found comfort from God late one night. "[God] gave me the complete clarity and strength to get out. I cried all the way home in the car, but when I got home at 2 a.m. I opened my Bible directly to a love sonnet from God to me. He loved me. He was proud of me. He would take care of me, man or no man. He did and still does." As for Kerri's personal life, things couldn't be better. She's newly married to fellow comedian, Ron McGehee. Together the couple works to share their faith through their comedy acts while earning a living doing what they love. Recently, Kerri has not only taken on the new role of wife, but also that of author, speaker and host of the pre-show at the 2006 Gospel Music Awards at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee. "I'm seeking God to make me a good wife more than a good writer or comedian, but I'm hoping for all three," says Kerri. Today Kerri is seeing a shift in Hollywood. "I'm sensing the Hollywood community is knocking on my door at last. I spent so many years as an actress trying to get them to notice me, and now that I'm this out of the closet Christian, they see some merit in this 'niche Christian market', and they want to hear from me." Regardless of the ever-changing demands of Hollywood, Kerri is certain that one thing will stay the same — her passion for God. "I want to be remembered for being an awesome woman of God, a not so bad wife and maybe even a rockin' mom," says Kerri. "I want to be known as someone who stood up for God in big bold ways until the day He took me home, that I changed the way the secular world looks at Christians and that I gave some healing and hope along the way." **OC**
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