

Karen Hines: Director, Executive Producer, Lead Actor, Writer

Karen Hines is an award-winning writer, director and performer in film, television and theatre. A Second City alumna, she co-starred for three seasons in Ken Finkleman's Emmy and Gemini Award-winning Newsroom (CBC), as well as his Foreign Objects (Rhombus) and Married Life (Comedy Central), for which Karen was nominated for Gemini and CableACE awards.

Chicago-born, Toronto-bred, her theatrical black comedies have been presented across Canada and the U.S. and her acclaimed trilogy, The Pochsy Plays, won her a loyal cult following as well as numerous awards and nominations including finalist for Canada's Governor General's Award.

Karen is the director of high-performance horror clowns Mump & Smoot, from fringe theatres to Yale Rep. She recently wrote, directed, produced and performed in her first short, My Name is Pochsy: An Industrial Film (Bravo!FACT), the first in a series of films featuring the character "Pochsy."