

11 Things You Don't Know About @YaGirlRiss

Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, Rissa Riss is a professional comedian based in Los Vegas. Her career has taken her all across the Northwest as well as to L.A., Austin, Houston and Dallas.

1. She doesn't know where her career will take her next. But she does know she's going to enjoy the trip. "I love traveling and being constantly on the

move," Rissa says. "And I love meeting people. The awesome thing about comedy is that you meet people all the time." You might be backstage with Chris Rock and of course you're waiting for him to say 'Hey I'm going on a tour and I want you to come and host.' But it takes a few years. I'm grinding and grinding."

2. Her first gig was an open mic at Roscoe's on Southeast Stark St. off 82nd Avenue in Portland. Shout-out to the Montavilla neighborhood! Riss had a bad day, she says, so she started blowing off steam.

"I just kind of ripped on my day; it was a tragic, tragic day and that crowd just laughed. I could hardly believe they were

laughing like that."

3. Rissa's comedy mentor is Andre Paradise. Introduced to Paradise by inventor Georgio Johnson of Nyxio, Riss credits Paradise for her professional foundation. Paradise brought Rissa into the comedy touring circuit and challenged her to

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