



"Best Week Ever" Comic Teaches as First Daughter in *The Miss Education of Jenna Bush* at Fringe NYC

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The President's daughter gets a job as a public school teacher in *The Miss Education of Jenna Bush* starring actress-comedian Melissa Rauch at the upcoming New York International Fringe Festival. Tom Wojtunik directs the one-woman work which he created with co-writers Rauch and Winston Beigel, Aug. 13-26. Lucky Dawg Productions presents the show at the Village Theatre.

The rowdy, gossip-page regular Bush child takes centerstage in this solo show in the form of VH1's "Best Week Ever" commentator Melissa Rauch. According to show materials, "The President's rebellious daughter is heading for America's public schools, rewriting history with a lesson plan you'll never forget."

Rauch (pronounced "rowsh") has previously seen the stage as Cecily in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Emma in *Pteradactyls* and Madeline in *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*. Voted "Best College Comedian" on MTV's "TRL" (by Carson Daly and Jamie Foxx), she has also toured with the political satire troupe, Gross National Product, and performed in their 2004 productions of *Son of a Bush* (as Jenna Bush) and *Kerry the Vote*. She has also done a stint of voice-overs for "Saturday Night Live" and been seen in national commercial campaigns for Staples and Dunkin' Donuts.

The design team for *The Miss Education of Jenna Bush* features Caitlin McCleery (set), David Withrow (costumes), George Gountas (lighting) and Aaron David Blank (sound). Megan Marchione serves as stage manager.

Tickets for *The Miss Education of Jenna Bush* at The Village Theatre, 158 Bleecker Street, call (212) 279-4488 or (888) FringeNYC (outside New York). For more information, visit www.misseducation.com or www.FringeNYC.org.

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