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Good Morning, Miss Jenna!

On the eve of **Jenna Bush's** first day of teaching at a DC charter school, she sits in her apartment soothing her hangover with Chinese food and Jack Daniel's. She takes "good luck" phone calls from **Mary Cheney** and **Condi Rice**.

At least that's how **Melissa Rauch** imagines it in *The Miss Education of Jenna Bush*, her one-woman show that's part of the Fringe Festival, a comedy lineup that runs in New York City August 12 through 28.

Rauch, a comedian who used to tour with the Gross National Product political sketch group and is a regular on VH1's *Best Week Ever*, filled us in on how she prepared to play Washington's favorite political wild child.

So how many times did you watch that GOP convention speech?

Oh, a million times. That was when we first got inspired. Wasn't it amazing? She was just loving every time she cracked a joke, and you could see her get more confidence. She's a laugh whore.

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How did you research the role?

I did a lot of standup touring around Texas last year. I went to her old hangouts, like the place where she got busted for underage drinking, Chuy's Mexican Restaurant. And since I'm in New York I went to the place where she was caught doing the butt-dance at the bachelorette party. One thing that's on my list is going to that bar in Georgetown, Smith Point.

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In Texas did you get any good stories?

I kept trying to get dirt, but everyone kept saying, “She’s really nice and fun.” The bartender at Chuy’s was told he’s not to talk about her.

What about her sister, Barbara?

Nobody cares about Barbara! I know, it’s terrible, but we don’t. I just think the contrast between them is so funny: Barbara went to Yale and Jenna went to UT, and even watching them at the convention, you could just see Barbara hitting Jenna under the podium like “You better behave.”

What’s your Jenna going to wear?

Even though we don’t know if the real Jenna wears them, we’re very inspired by those cheesy T-shirts that say things like H IS FOR HOT or SAY NOPE TO DOPE. Obviously I’ll be dying my hair blond and going fake tanning.

Have you mastered her raspy voice?

I have a pretty high-pitched voice, and when we first started I thought, man, this is killing me. This is the only show I’ve ever done where I’m actually hoping I get a little laryngitis.

—ANN LIMPET