



The **podcast** where we **quiz** the smartest **celebrities** we know and find out why they **love** what they love!

Go Fact Yourself is a celebrity trivia game show, hosted by **J. Keith van Straaten** (Senior Writer, “Ask Me Another”) and **Helen Hong** (recurring panelist, “Wait Wait Don’t Tell Me”, and produced in collaboration with the **Maximum Fun** podcast network (producers of NPR’s “Bullseye”).

Past guests include:

- **Actors:** Rachel Bloom, Betty Buckley, Anna Camp, Rob Corddry, Shea Couleé, Rachel Dratch, Keegan-Michael Key, Michael Pena, Yeadley Smith, Lea Thompson, Wil Wheaton
- **Athletes:** Colt Cabana, James Farrior, Ryan Kalil, Greg Maddux, Alexander Rossi
- **Authors:** Jonathan Ames, Roxane Gay, Elizabeth Gilbert, Larry Niven, Susan Orlean, Amy Tan
- **Comedians:** Maria Bamford, Lewis Black, Margaret Cho, Reggie Watts, Larry Wilmore
- **Journalists:** Audie Cornish, Mike Pesca, Hari Sreenivasan, Bob Woodward, Jessica Yellin
- **Musicians:** George Clinton, Will Lee, Lisa Loeb, Darryl “DMC” McDaniels, Thao Nguyen
- **Public Radio Hosts:** Bill Kurtis, Tonya Mosley Peter Sagal, Jesse Thorn, Glynn Washington
- **TV Hosts:** Tom Bergeron, Drew Carey, Andy Richter, Mo Rocca, Wink Martindale

Guests supply us with a few topics they know about (outside their field of work), and we pick one of them to quiz them on.

Topics cover everything from pop culture to science to history, and have included:

- Alfred Hitchcock
- Celine Dion
- Menopause
- Movies
- Chicken Husbandry
- Minnesota Cuisine
- Artificial Sweeteners
- Frequent Flier Programs
- Otters
- “Beverly Hills, 90210”
- The Gutenberg Bible
- *Pretty Woman*
- Boston Red Sox
- Mars
- Victorian England

After the quiz, a surprise expert in that topic joins the show, discusses the topic, and lets the celebrity guest geek out. Our experts have been actors, writers, directors, mayors, professors, US Senators, scientists, business leaders, athletes, musicians and more. Their accolades include Oscars, Peabodys, Olympic Gold Medals, the Pulitzer Prize, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and Super Bowl Champion.

Some of our previous experts include musician **DJ Jazzy Jeff** (for the topic of The Career of Will Smith), sports legend **Tara Lipinski** (for Figure Skating), **Senator Barbara Boxer** (for US Senate 2000-2021), author **Elizabeth Gilbert** (for *Eat Pray Love*), Broadway legend **Betty Buckley** (for Broadway in the 1960s), TV star **Katee Sackhoff** (for “Battlestar Galactica”) and comedian **Tommy Chong** (for Marijuana).

Go Fact Yourself typically records with a live audience, with occasional episodes via Zoom, and releases new episodes every **first and third Friday**. In 2024, we release our **150th episode**. We have **over 700 5-star reviews** on Apple Podcasts and have been featured in *The New York Times*.

Go Fact Yourself is created by, written, and produced by Jim Newman and J. Keith van Straaten. The show is available at gofactyourpod.com or wherever you get podcasts.