



The **podcast and NPR show** 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** (panelist, “Wait Wait Don't Tell Me”), and produced in collaboration with the **Maximum Fun** podcast network (producers of NPR's “Bullseye”) and NPR station **LAist 89.3**.

We air **every weekend** on **NPR stations in L.A., Chicago, Milwaukee, Washington State**, and more!

Past guests include:

- Actors: Ann-Margret, Rachel Bloom, Betty Buckley, Anna Camp, Sherry Cola, Rob Corddry, Shea Couleé, Rachel Dratch, Brendan Hunt, Thomas Jane, Keegan-Michael Key, Katee Sackhoff, Lea Thompson, Jennifer Tilly, Kathleen Turner, Lisa Ann Walter, Wil Wheaton
- Athletes: Colt Cabana, Dwight Freeney, Greg Maddux, Alexander Rossi, Metta World Peace
- Authors: Jonathan Ames, Roxane Gay, Elizabeth Gilbert, Larry Niven, Susan Orlean, Amy Tan
- Comedians: Sandra Bernhard, Lewis Black, Atsuko Okatsuka, Reggie Watts, Larry Wilmore
- Filmmakers: John Badham, Paul Feig, Barry Sonnenfeld, Penelope Spheeris
- Journalists: Audie Cornish, Mike Pesca, Hari Sreenivasan, Bob Woodward, Jessica Yellin
- Musicians: George Clinton, Lisa Loeb, Joel Madden, Darryl “DMC” McDaniels, Spinderella
- Public Radio Hosts: Bill Kurtis, Tonya Mosley, Peter Sagal, Jesse Thorn, Glynn Washington
- TV Hosts: Tom Bergeron, Drew Carey, Andy Richter, Phil Rosenthal, Marc Summers

Guests give us a few topics they know and love, and we pick one to quiz them on.

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

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| ◦ Artificial Sweeteners | ◦ Chicken Husbandry | ◦ Otters |
| ◦ “Breaking Bad” | ◦ Coen Brothers Movies | ◦ <i>Pretty Woman</i> |
| ◦ Boston Red Sox | ◦ The Gutenberg Bible | ◦ The <i>Purple Rain</i> album |
| ◦ Celine Dion | ◦ Menopause | ◦ 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 actor **Kathleen Turner** (for the topic of *Romancing the Stone*), musician **DJ Jazzy Jeff** (for 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), and **Tommy Chong** (for Marijuana).

Go Fact Yourself records with a live audience (with occasional episodes via Zoom) in the Los Angeles area. In 2026, we release our **200th episode**. We have **over 700 5-star reviews** on Apple Podcasts and have been a clue in *The New York Times* Crossword.

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