



## About Darlyne Franklin

*Creator, Producer & Screenwriter of Joey & Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding*

Darlyne Franklin's company, Comedy Wedding LLC, is an entertainment production company focusing on the creation, development, and production of live, interactive performances. In addition to *Joey & Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding*, Franklin has created shows such as *The Wake of Matty O'Malley*, the country western shotgun wedding *The Marriage of Moose & Milly*, and *The Soprano's Last Supper* which was performed in Las Vegas for over six years and was featured on the TV game show Jeopardy.

Franklin's recent work includes *The Biscotti Sisters* and the *Wicked Real Housewives of Boston*, which opened in the Boston area in 2010. "Housewives," she says, "is an entirely new concept in interactive theater based on a mock reality TV show. It's a show within a show."

In October 2020, she won the 24-hour playwriting competition at the Laboratory Theatre in Ft. Myers. Reviewer Tom Hall of ArtSWFL.com commented on her *Burnt Toast* script's "smart, snappy repartee and pithy comments made by characters about the situation in which they find themselves."

In Boston in the eighties, Franklin helped pioneer reality television with two documentaries for which she won Cablevision ACE awards. One award was for a feature about Cambodian refugees in Boston. The other award was for "most original TV series" for a reality show that followed real-life dramas in the Massachusetts General Hospital emergency room, which included Franklin trailing ambulances throughout the city.

Franklin studied theater at Emerson College and trained at the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute, the Groundlings, and Second City. In 2016 she completed the sketch writing and improvisation programs at the Upright Citizens Brigade in Los Angeles.

Darlyne Franklin is also a professional poker player.