

RICK MERCER co-created and performed on CBC's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, created and starred in *Made in Canada*, and created and starred in *Talking to Americans*, the most-watched comedy special in Canadian television history. He went on to host the hugely successful *Rick Mercer Report* for 15 seasons. Rick was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2014 for his work with charitable causes and "his ability to inspire and challenge Canadians through humour." In 2019, he received a Governor General's Performing Arts Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award. His 2021 memoir, *Talking to Canadians*, won the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour. He is from Middle Cove, Newfoundland and Labrador.