

MEET JADE HÜBNER



5 THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT JADE:

- She is a self-confessed tomboy
- Her favourite food is sushi and pasta
- She loves animals
- Would be caught watching action movies and reality shows like Survivor
- Never steps down from a challenge

Meeet Jade Hübner, a former Miss South Africa finalist and the youngest ever presenter of Top Billing, South Africa's longest running local lifestyle TV programme.

Over the years Top Billing has become synonymous with beautiful people, high-flying lifestyles, elegance, glamour, elitism and even snobbishness, the latter being used to brand some of the presenters too.

Yet, when you meet Jade, the notion of unapproachableness' is completely dispelled. The compassionate born and bred Capetonian has a wonderful down-to-earth attitude and open and honest personalist and is truly the epitome of the notion what you see is what you get.

Aside from presenting, she is also an actress, although you'll have to tune into Netflix to see her in action, a singer who performs on the local music scene, a musician (she played the piano, flute and guitar as a child), an accomplished sportswoman and dancer and a successful entrepreneur. She and two engineering partners have already won an international entrepreneur competition and she is also studying a part-time B-Com course too.

These achievements and successes should not come as any surprise since Jade is accustomed to working hard while aiming to achieve her goals. When becoming a Top Billing presenter in 2015, Jade was merely 20 years of age but had already proven that she was more than the proverbial pretty face.

Quick to admit that she is sometimes a hopeful dreamer, she balances things out by also being a realistic perfectionist and is sometimes very hard on herself. It hurts her to see that not everyone around her trying to be a better person and that some people make other people feel they're not worth something, but she is determined to remain positive.

Jade's deep-anchored faith in her religion, her small but genuine support structure and the life lessons she's learned from her dad continue to keep her grounded and focussed during her hectic but exciting life.

Her dad has taught her to never make assumptions, be impeccable with your word" and never take anything personally. "It doesn't matter how much money you make, how much success you have, what you have and where you travel to. It means absolutely nothing if you don't have the right people who generally love you and genuinely get joy out of your success," she says.

Jade is very close to both her parents and says she got her adventurous and creative side from her dad and her level-headedness from her mom, who is an IT programmer and who she describes as the most selfless person she's ever known.

She also gets her strong humanitarian sense for what is right from her parents. She has a strong belief that everybody should be treated the same because we are all equal but different and that people should not be afraid to have different opinions.

"People should stand up for those who cannot do it for themselves – but do it with respect and love because that's the place it should come from," she says. "Imagine how wonderful it will be if no-one ever gets humiliated".