

# Aziz Al-Sa'afin

Height 5'6.5" Chest 38.5" Waist 31.5" Shoe 8 US (kids) Hair Brown

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You haven't started the day right until you've had Aziz Al-Sa'afin's boundless feel-good energy beaming through your TV screen on Three's The AM Show on weekday mornings. Aziz is the sugar in your coffee, bringing Kiwis good-news stories from not just up and down the country, but all around the world.

Almost a decade into his broadcasting career, Aziz has never been one to be pigeon-holed. His CV boasts work across a broad range of media genres, demonstrating just how versatile and adaptable he is.

Aziz's first taste of television presenting was on one of the country's most successful children's television show, Sticky TV. Since then, he has worked as a journalist in both radio and television, covering some of the country's biggest events as a presenter, reporter, and producer.

Aziz has reported on such solemn stories as the Seddon earthquakes, MH370, Charlie Hebdo, the Christchurch terror attacks; major sports clashes including the America's Cup and Rugby World Cup; and conducted interviews with everyone from Justin Bieber, Redfoo and The Wiggles; to Jimmy Spithill, Richie McCaw and our last three Prime Ministers.

This all occurred during his time on Three's flagship news bulletins - The Paul Henry Show; The Project and Firstline; as well as during his stints abroad as a correspondent for the Today Show, Sunrise, the BBC and CNN.

Known for his warm, friendly and energetic nature, Aziz is a proud LGBT ambassador and is a voice and activist for the community. In 2019 he was a finalist in the Rainbow Excellence Awards recognising his active campaign for acceptance, inclusion and visibility in society.

A favourite on the MC circuit, Aziz is adept at hosting a broad range of events - more recent ones include Sky City's Variety of Chefs, the Big Gay Out, Battle in the Bay and ASB Pride In The Park.

He also speaks regularly at events; his warm, authentic delivery resonating with audiences from all walks of life. He openly discusses his upbringing as a refugee who escaped the Gulf War,



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and his time working as an ambassador for the Red Cross; and support work at World Vision and UNICEF.

Aziz also leads important dialogue around diversity and inclusion, and his experiences with discrimination; the importance of resilience; his journey with mental health and The Snowflake Theory. His raw accounts ensure audiences feel supported and encouraged to speak out about their own experiences.

Aziz has worked with many premiere lifestyle brands including Samsung, Apple, Nespresso, Les Mills, World, Chorus, Meridian, Westpac, QT and Invivo wines.

Outside of work, you can find Aziz indulging his passion for fitness, and dance! (He is a trained hip-hop dancer and has represented NZ internationally in dance comps).

However you engage Aziz – as an MC, speaker or content creator; you and your audience will feel warmly connected and engaged with his positive and inclusive vibe!

#### TESTIMONIALS

Aziz Al-Sa'afin was MC for our Strengthening Inclusion live crowdfunding event. His warmth, natural energy, professionalism and genuine enthusiasm helped us create a successful event for The Funding Network and the grass-roots charities that we were showcasing.

As an MC, Aziz was brilliant, working with the briefing notes and adding his own comments and anecdotes to build on the positivity in the room. Before and after the main event, Aziz moved amongst the crowd engaging with guests and chatting with other participating charity members. I am sure this also was a contributing factor to the great responses we have had following the event. I would highly recommend Aziz as MC for your next function.

Nick Edgar - The Funding Network NZ

We were fortunate enough to have Aziz as our kitchen host for our black-tie fundraising gala, SKYCITY Variety of Chefs, in 2018 and 2019. He did a sensational job of hosting and getting the guests involved in the chefs' creations. Aziz delighted the crowd with his sense of humour and his charisma and energy were contagious. His style and upbeat demeanor added an exciting element to the foodie event, and he did a fantastic job of bringing out the best in our celebrity chefs.

Aziz carried himself with the utmost professionalism and was a pleasure to work with on the night and in the lead up period to the event. He was flexible and adaptable, and also very knowledgeable about the subjects. We would highly recommend

him for any hosting opportunities – you will not be disappointed!  
Jess Raymond - Variety – the Children's Charity