

# *Gilda Radner*

As the first performer ever hired for *Saturday Night Live*, Gilda Radner revolutionized television comedy by blending physical slapstick with a suite of iconic, zany characters like the befuddled Emily Litella and the gross-out commentator Roseanne Roseannadanna.

While her career was tragically cut short by her death at age 42, Radner's fearless vulnerability and goofy warmth broke gender barriers in the industry and paved the way for modern legends like Tina Fey and Melissa McCarthy.

This costumed portrayal explores the enduring legacy of a comedienne whose influence continues to shape comedy fifty years after her debut.

