



Vision of psychic supernanny

Seeing the spirit world is just like tuning in to TV for a remarkable Queensland psychic, who will hold a one-off forum for her fans this week. writes **Amanda Dardanis**

BRISBANE psychic Julianna Suranyi falls into the same league as hair-dressers and doctors. People just can't resist slipping something into the conversation when they're around her.

Who's going to win the State of Origin? Is my relationship going to last? Where's my mother's ring?

It's an occupational hazard that this surprisingly down-to-earth single mum has learned to live with since she began using her "gift" professionally at 18.

A senior police sergeant, the brother of an old school friend who recalled her uncanny knack, approached her to help out with a criminal case involving a missing child and she was hooked.

Since then, Suranyi, who also has a successful new radio slot on Brisbane radio BI05 each weekday, has assisted governments, corporations, families and legal departments with her rare insights and knowledge.

From childhood, the mother of two young boys claims to have been able to "read" people by "feeling their brain work" and to be vividly in touch with the spirit world. For her, the past, present and future link up in her mind like a kind of building equation that plays out similarly to a movie with subtitles, she explains.

"I don't see it as a gift. I see it as a tool base. I've never known any differently. I really don't remember a time when I couldn't see spirits just like I'm seeing you now," she says.

"I describe it as a TV set with

frequencies that you tune in and out on as you need. It doesn't matter where you are or what's going on around you. It's always there."

Now 35, neither Suranyi's neat appearance (in her simple jeans and white jumper) nor her ordered, cheery, contemporary flat in suburban Ashgrove provides any markers of the unconventional activity that lies within.

Perhaps only her eyes, an uncommonly light shade of green, almost yellow. Or maybe the two sleek cats lounging out on the terrace.

Suranyi's specialty is something she calls intuitive profiling. It's a merger that combines her skills as a medium channelling useful messages from the spirit world with her behavioural psychology training and it helps her clients work out "where they need to be going in life". She's also worked with families experiencing behavioural issues as a kind of "psychic supernanny".

Over the years, Suranyi has made firm decisions about the kind of work she chooses to avoid.

"That whole dearly departed scene, 'let's focus on the dead'? Anyone can tune into the dead if you've got half a skill base. But for me, that's an industry built on misery and people's loss. People have this expectation that you're going to provide the comfort that they really need to find within themselves."

She also shies away from people who want to have questions

answered about their living relatives.

"They'll say, 'I want to know about my kids or my daughter-in-law or my mother' and I say that it's none of their business. I see it as intruding. With this ability comes responsibility."

Suranyi's preferred mode of operation, she says, is for clients to directly come out and ask her what it is they want to find out about themselves.

"I think you should always raise your hand and ask the question, because it's up to you to seek the answers. You can't just sit there passively and wait for someone to dictate that information," she replies.

Suranyi's fans will have a rare chance to ask those burning questions at a one-off forum at La Boite's Roundhouse Theatre on Wednesday night.

Before I take my leave of Julianna, I ask her if she has any insight about what happened to missing British girl Madeleine McCann.

"I've been asked that question before. But I've never answered it," she says. This time she does.

"I honestly believe that she was dead within three hours. She never left that area at all. Do I think it was an intruder? No," Suranyi says quietly.

Julianna: Meet Your Future is on at The Roundhouse Theatre, Kelvin Grove, on Wednesday; bookings 3007 8600.



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Other side: Psychic Julianna Suranyi says her amazing talent is a 'tool base'
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