

New medium for psychic

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SHE has predicted Melbourne Cup winners, thinks Brad was over Jen long before he hooked up with Angelina, and she sees ghosts.

Now Brisbane psychic Julianna Suranyi looks set to take her intuitive profiling talents to a new medium, US cable television.

She is in talks to produce a "psychic Dr Phil"-type program, with filming for the pilot beginning on Wednesday at her *Live Psychic Show* at La Boite Roundhouse Theatre at Kelvin Grove in Brisbane.

Should the pilot be picked up, Suranyi, 36, will use the series

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mainly to profile problem areas within families, tackling issues such as marital problems and children's behavioural issues, an area she is extremely passionate about.

"A couple of years ago I was approached by an Australian television network which was interested in this idea and they asked if I'd move to Sydney or Melbourne," said Suranyi, who receives up to 200 emails a week

from those seeking her "gifted" advice. "They told me, 'Nothing comes out of Brisbane'. But I didn't want to move," she said.

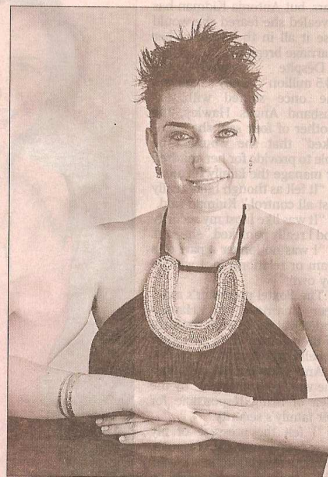
"My argument was, I thought we could make something of really good quality, home grown. The challenge has always been to do it from here."

And if they get the green light in January, all the episodes will be taped, complete with studio audience, from Brisbane.

Previously, Suranyi has turned her psychic abilities to crime scenes, performed corporate consultations for multinational companies (such as airlines) and done guest stints on the *Today* program.

Recently, Australia jumped on the clairvoyant bandwagon by launching a psychic *Survivor*-style reality series called *The One: The Search for Australia's Most Gifted Psychic* (although Suranyi declined to appear on the show).

It followed on from the success of popular television programs such as John Edward's *Crossing Over*, *Ghost Whisperer* and *Medium*, plus films such as *The Sixth Sense*.



SMALL SCREEN: Psychic Julianna Suranyi has been approached by US cable TV. Picture: Adam Armstrong