



chris lohner  
author presenter actress

## General information

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**Born:** 10th July 1943 in Vienna

**Languages:** German, English, French

**Mother:** Housewife

**Father:** Further Education College Director in Vienna Stöbergasse

## Education and training

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- 1965 **State Exam in Drama**  
before the Joint Commission in Vienna
- 1962–1972 **Engagements as a photographic model in Switzerland, France, Italy and Germany**
- 1962–1965 **Acting Studies** (private lessons)
- 1962 **American Field Service (AFS) Scholarship in Michigan, USA**  
High school graduation, start of acting studies
- 1961 **Matura (School Leaving Examination) in Vienna**

## Television

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Since 1973 **Announcer and presenter at ORF**

- Programme announcer Österreich-Bild
- Sonntags-Matinee
- WIR-Broadcast
- Own programme *backstage*
- Counselling in *Willkommen Österreich*
- Presenter of 3sat
- Talk shows with Peter Weck, Andre Heller, Pavel Kohout, Neil Postman, Viktor Frankl, Christa Wolf and many others

### **Star guest at national and international television shows**

(among others Rudi Carrell Show 1975, Dalli Dalli 1977, Phettbergs Nette Leit Show 2010, Willkommen Österreich 2010)

### **Numerous entertainment programmes**

- Comedies with Helmut Lohner and Hans Peter Heinzl.
- Permanent role in the cult series *Kottan ermittelt* and *Tohuwabohu*
- Magic show series *Die Magier sind unter uns* with Peter Lodyski
- Series: *Orfeum – Himmlische Geschichten*
- Series: *Play it again, Chris*
- *Nie mehr Schule!*

## Radio

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1975–2003 **Presenter at**

- Ö3
- Radio Niederösterreich
- Österreich 1

## Theatre

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2018 and 2015 **Rocky Horror Show**  
Narrator, Graz Opera House

2018 Solo programme  
**Anekdoten aus meinem Leben** – schräg, witzig, komisch  
Premiere at the Kulisse Vienna

2017 Solo programme  
**Wollust**  
Premiere at the Kulisse Vienna

- 2014 Solo programme  
**Lohner packt aus**  
 After the bestseller: Jung war ich lang genug  
 Premiere at CasaNova, das neue Theater in Dorotheergasse, Vienna
- Rocky Horror Show**  
 Narrator, second guest appearance of the B.B. Promotion at the  
 Museumsquartier Vienna
- 2013 First directing role  
**Caveman** by Rob Becker  
 Premiere at the Kabelwerk in Vienna
- 2012 Solo programme  
**Männer und andere Irrtümer (Men and other mistakes)** by Michèle Bernier  
 and Marie-Pascale Osterrieth  
 Premiere at the Stadttheater Walfischgasse
- An evening against exclusion  
**Lohner führt sich auf**  
 Based on my book: Wer liegt da unter meinem Bett  
 A theatre experience for the hearing and deaf  
 City Theatre Walfischgasse
- 2010 Second solo programme  
**Nein! Ich will keinen Seniorenteller**  
 based on Virginia Ironside's book.  
 Premiere at the Walfischgasse City Theatre in Vienna
- Der Himmel über Berlin**  
 Based on the film by Wim Wenders and Peter Handke  
 Director: Carl Philip von Maldeghem  
 Playing myself like Peter Falk once did in films  
 Premiere at the Landestheater Salzburg
- 2008 **Der Käfig** by Jack Jacquine  
 A two-person play with Fritz v. Friedl as partner  
 Second successful own production at the Stadttheater Walfischgasse
- Vienna
- Rocky Horror Show**  
 As the first woman in the history of the cult musical to play the role of narrator  
 A B.B. Promotion production at the Museumsquartier Vienna
- 2006 First solo programme  
**Sex? Aber mit Vergnügen** by Dario Fo, Franca Rame and Jacopo Fo

Premiere of the first successful own production at the Stadttheater Walfischgasse Vienna

- from 1997 onwards
- Summer theatre in Berndorf and Mödling
- **Geschichten aus dem Wiener Wald** Ödon von Horvath
  - **Der Floh im Ohr** Georges Feydeau
  - **Mit besten Empfehlungen** Hans Schubert
  - **Beste Freunde** William Douglas-Home
  - **Bunbury** Oscar Wilde
  - **Der Bürger als Edelmann** Molière

- 1994
- Stage debut in Vienna at the K.U.K. Theater
- **Ein flotter Zweier** with Peter Lodynski

Freie Bühne Wieden

- **Hommage to Bertold Viertel** Topsy Küppers

## Film

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- 2010
- **Rien ne va plus** Kottan at the cinema – Director: Peter Patzak
- 2006
- **Feine Dame** – Director: Xaver Schwarzenberger
- 2004
- **Der Weihnachtshund** – Director: Michael Keusch
- 1992
- **Duett** – Director: Xaver Schwarzenberger
- 1976–1983
- **Kottan ermittelt** – Director: Peter Patzak
- 1969
- **Einfacher Doppelmord** – Director: Georg Lhotzky

## Books

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- 2019
- Shirley.** Der Hund, den ich eigentlich nicht wollte
- 2016
- Wollust**
- 2014
- Jung war ich lang genug ...** jetzt schau ich mir mal zu beim Älterwerden
- 2011
- Wer liegt da unter meinem Bett?** Noch mehr wahre Geschichten!
- 2010
- First Novel  
**Der Krokodilmann**
- 2005
- Artige und unartige Liebesbriefe**
- 2003
- Wer liegt da unter meinem Bett?** Besonders wahre Geschichten!
- 50 plus. Na und?**
- 2001
- Beziehungsweise – Amouren und andere Abhängigkeiten**

- 1999      **Keine Lust auf Frust – Keine Zeit für Neid**  
Also available as an audio book
- 1997      **Keiner liebt mich so wie ich oder die Kunst in Harmonie zu leben**  
Bestseller: 150,000 copies sold in one year!  
First audio book in Austria
- 1979      **Die unzufriedene Schildkröte**  
Children's book

## Awards

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- 2015      • Golden Medal of Honour for Services to the Republic of Austria
- 2012      • Fundraising award
- 2009      • Greinecker Award for civil courage
- 2006      • Gold Medal of Merit of the City of Vienna
- 1993      • Golden Romy

## Journalistic activities

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- Television magazine *tele*: Interviews with celebrities and high-profile figures
- Columns in the *Kronen Zeitung*: Wechselhaft heiter, 50 plus. Na und?, Unter vier Augen mit ...

## Travel reports

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- Jamaica
- Sri Lanka
- Ireland
- Ethiopia
- Mozambique
- Gomera

## Various activities

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- Since 1977      • The voice of ÖBB
- 1979      • *Wer bin ich wirklich?* (LP) Chansons with lyrics by Alfred Komarek and Walter Pissecker, Music: Richard Österreicher, Label: Bellaphon
- Since 2001      • Good Will Ambassador of „Licht für die Welt“, formerly Christoffel Mission for the blind
- Since 2006      • Own Charity project: *Kaftan – it fits*  
Network to support women in Africa and Austria

2018 • *Findungen Holz* – First photo exhibition in Vienna and in the Waldviertel

## Further information

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- Presentation and moderation of events at home and abroad (e.g. UNICEF Gala, ATA artists, animals, attractions, company events)
- CARE Honorary Member
- Testimonial for ProDixan, Neuroth Hörgeräte, Pearle, BIPA