

What's My Secret?

Background/Concept

What's My Secret provides a comedic/ironic look at the secrets we keep, from each other and, most specifically the secrets we keep from God – or think we can. (John 4, 2 Sam 12, Luke 22, Mark 5, etc.).

Time: 10 minutes

Cast

Josh Charles – Panelist #1 - Josh is a 30-ish adult who is a reluctant participant in the game show and the only one on stage who, with the audience, can see the truth of what is happening – people who claim “secrets” that are actually quite obvious.

Martin Winkerdale – The host of the game show, *What's My Secret*, and is characterized by the stereotypical flash and over-the-top enthusiasm for the game.

Johnny Coleman – Announcer - The off-stage faithful announcer who introduces Martin and reveals each contestant's “secrets” to the audience.

Peggy Marshall – Panelist #3 - An adult who loves *What's My Secret* and is very competitive. She's thrilled to finally be a panelist on the show. She sees herself as clever and insightful and feels she is easily the sharpest of the 3 contestants. Of course she is clueless.

Amy Claussen – Panelist #2 – A college student who really doesn't understand the game but just hopes to win some money to buy shoes.

Paris Westchesterton – Contestant #1 - A highly sophisticated professional woman who is richly cultured and meticulously dressed. She also happens to have a huge red clown nose. That's her “secret.”

Danny Dale – Contestant #2 - A young blue-collar type, a little rough around the edges. He has a third arm protruding from his chest. That's his “secret”.

Jane Airy – Contestant #3 - A typical middle class, middle-aged, “normal” person. Her secret? She always wears a Wonder Woman mask and thinks that makes everyone believe she is Wonder Woman.

Set

The set can be skeletal. A panel behind which the panelist stand, a place for contestants to take their positions, etc.

Props

- Since it's a low budget game show, Martin carries his own "applause" "awww" signs.
- Large red clown nose
- Wonder Woman mask
- Some kind of workman's jacket with Danny's third arm attached so it can be clearly seen by the audience.

	<i>(Panelists are in their places on stage.) (Cheesy game show music begins)</i>
Johnny	<i>(Enthusiastically, Johnny Olsen/Don Pardo-like)</i> Welcome to What's My Secret! The game show where you spin the big wheel for fun and big big prizes! And now here's your host, Martin Winkerdale!
Martin	<i>(Runs on stage holding up an "applause" sign to the audience)</i> Thank you Johnny Coleman! Thank you ladies and gentleman! Thank you! You're too kind... Thanks so much. Welcome to What's My Secret. The game show where your secrets can pay off big big big! <i>(Hesitantly)</i> And, uh, there IS no "big big wheel for fun and big prizes". Got that Johnny?
Johnny	No big big wheel?
Martin	<i>(Nervously, aware of the audience but talking to Johnny)</i> You remember they, uh, foreclosed on the big big wheel last month. We tried to rent one but they only had medium medium wheels.
Johnny:	Oh. Sorry.
Martin	But enough about us. We're here to play everyone's favorite game show...
Amy	<i>(Interrupting, hesitantly)</i> I didn't know this was <u>Jeopardy</u> .
Martin	<i>(Enthusiastically)</i> No! Everyone's favorite game show is What's My Secret! Let's meet our panelists.
Johnny:	OK Martin. Panelist number one is Josh Charles a pastor from Boston Massachusetts!
Martin	Josh, great to have you on What's My Secret! Bet you've been waiting a long time to be on the show, huh?
Josh:	Well, actually I was just taking the studio tour with my family and

	you looked kind of desperate...
Martin:	<i>(Interrupting)</i> OK! Panelist number two?
Johnny:	Is Amy Claussen, a college student from Los Angeles.
Martin:	Well hello Amy! Hoping to win some money for school on What's My Secret?!
Amy:	Uh...I was just wanting to get some money to buy some shoes.
Martin:	<i>(Sympathetically)</i> Oh, you don't have any shoes?
Amy:	Oh no, I have lots of them. I just want more.
Martin:	OK! And our third contestant
Johnny:	Is Peggy Marshall, a housewife from...from...right outside our studios!
Martin:	Heh heh! Where do you really live Peggy?
Peggy:	Right outside the studios, Martin. I'm such a big big fan! I thought it would increase my chances of getting on! I just LOVE What's My Secret so I'm camping outside. I've got one of those travel stoves and the dehydrated food can be quite tasty...
Martin:	<i>(A little weirded out...)</i> OK! Well you know how to play the game, panelists. A contestant will come out on stage with a secret. And your job will be to guess that secret. If you do, it's twenty-five dollars for you. If you don't, the twenty-five dollars goes to the contestant.
Josh:	Wait a minute...did you say twenty-five...
Martin:	OK! Let's meet our first contestant!
Johnny:	<i>(Faux whispering).</i> Audience, this is Paris Westercheston. Her secret? Well, if you look closely you can see she has a huge red clown nose.
Josh:	Wait...I could hear that...shouldn't we be in a sound proof room or blindfolded or something?
Martin:	<i>(Interrupting, aside to Josh that the audience can hear)</i> All a part of the leaner, cost effective, What's My Secret! <i>(collecting himself)</i> Peggy, you start the questioning.