



Melanie Bracewell



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• Claire Hooper



Stephen K Amos



Dave Thornton



Sammy J



• Ray O'Leary

• Ivan Aristeguieta

• Emma Holland



Geraldine Hickey



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WELCOME FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER

Canberra may be best known for intense policy debates, world-leading quality of life and a heavily populated bridge-to-bridge walk – but every March, we also become very funny.

From 11 to 22 March 2026, with the support of the ACT Government's Event Fund, the Canberra Comedy Festival will deliver its biggest program yet, spreading more comedy than ever across 11 packed days.

With over 70 shows and 100 performances, this is officially more laughs than anyone can responsibly schedule - especially on weeknights.

This year's lineup features favourites like The Umbilical Brothers, Wil Anderson and Melanie Bracewell, alongside international acts from Japan, South Africa, and the UK.



I'm also proud to note the festival will feature over 20 shows from Canberra's comedians, adding to those returning from interstate – driving our ambition to realise record crowds across venues from the Canberra Theatre Centre, The Street Theatre, ANU and Fun Time Pony.

So, please; enjoy, laugh, and stay out well past 9pm to experience the best of what Australia's comedy scene and Canberra's night-time economy has to offer.

Andrew Barr MLA
ACT Chief Minister

late, loose and live
the perfect way to cap off a night at the festival



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The Festival's best come together in one huge late night showcase that is not to be missed.



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CANBERRA COMEDY FESTIVAL GALA

- Tue 17 March
- 6:15pm & 8:45pm (120min)
- Canberra Theatre
- A Reserve \$99*
- B Reserve \$89*

The biggest show of the year is back!

Join us as we celebrate the 2026 festival with an explosive line-up of comedians. This two-hour showcase event features some of the best acts from the festival with an enormous batch of your favourite international and local comedy superstars.

Don't miss the hottest ticket of the festival!

EXTRA SHOW



THE UMBILICAL BROTHERS SPEEDMOUSE

- Sat 21 March
- 6pm (80min)
- Canberra Theatre
- A Reserve \$64.90*
- B Reserve \$59.90*

The Umbilical Brothers beloved hit Speedmouse returns live! A wild, fast-paced comedy adventure packed with mind-bending physicality, surreal sound effects, and big laughs. Limited run. Don't miss this Aussie comedy classic!

"Marcel Marceau on really good drugs"
Sydney Morning Herald

SELLING FAST



WIL ANDERSON WATCHU TALKIN' 'BOUT WIL

- 18–22 March
- 6:30pm (70min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$49 Fri, Sat*
- \$45 Wed, Thu, Sun*

After a 2025 sold-out national tour of his completely improvised stand-up show, Wil Anderson is back for more.

No script, no recordings, just every night a different show created specifically for the audience in the room.

BOOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WILL SELL OUT TOO QUICKLY.

SELLING FAST



CELIA PACQUOLA GIFT HORSE

- Sat 21 March
- 2pm & 8:30pm (60min)
- The Playhouse
- Full \$59.90*
- Conc, Group \$54.90*

Celia wasn't planning on doing a show in 2026, then her boyfriend gave her an inflatable kayak for her birthday... So here we are.

A show about the people we love and the things they give us that we hate.

Celia Pacquola is a multi-award-winning stand-up comedian and one of Australia's best-loved comics, back with a new hour of hilarious observations and incriminatingly honest stories that she will definitely regret sharing.

SELLING FAST



MELANIE BRACEWELL DILLY DALLYING

- Sat 21 March
- 8:15pm (60min)
- Canberra Theatre
- Full \$59.90*
- Conc, Group \$54.90*

I'll get around to writing a proper bio for this show later but I'm in the middle of a sudoku. Can you just put something like

'Melanie Bracewell is back with a brand new hour about procrastination. With rave reviews and multiple awards under her belt you don't want to miss it.'



GERALDINE HICKEY A WEIGHT OFF MY CHEST

- Fri 20 March
- 6:45pm (60min)
- Canberra Theatre
- Full \$59.90*
- Conc, Group \$54.90*

Geraldine Hickey is a regular on our screens, appearing on I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!, Spicks & Specks, The Cheap Seats and Have You Been Paying Attention?

"This show is like a big warm hug from your favourite (undeniably queer) aunty."
★★★★★ Time Out, 2025



SAMMY J HERO COMPLEX

- Fri 20 March
- 8:15pm (60min)
- Canberra Theatre
- \$48*

30 years ago, Sammy J traded comics with his school gardener. 10 years ago, he wrote a show about it.

How does an awkward nerd end up with a federal policeman searching his attic? Why does Sammy owe his marriage to the United Nations? And how did he insert himself into a Parliamentary maiden speech?

Sammy J's award-winning return show is a real-life, hilarious comic book adventure that proves truth really is stranger than fiction.



STEPHEN K AMOS NOW WE'RE TALKING

- Fri 20 March
- 7pm (60min)
- The Playhouse
- Full \$59.90*
- Conc, Group \$54.90*

Internationally acclaimed comedian Stephen K Amos (UK) returns to the Australia with a brand-new show Now We're Talking.

His joke book is overflowing, so let's get talking about what gives him the ick and what makes him tick. It's time to get down to the nitty gritty. No filter, no limits. The gloves are off and he's packing a punchline.

Join Stephen for freestyling musings and merrymaking to get your belly aching! After all, in jokes we trust...

*A transaction fee applies.



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SH!T-FACED SHAKESPEARE HAMLET

- 23–24 April
- 7:30pm (60min)
- Canberra Theatre
- Full \$49.90*
- Conc, Group \$46.90*

Winner – Best Comedy Weekly Award – Adelaide Fringe 2025

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare is the hilarious blend of an entirely serious Shakespeare play with an entirely sh!t-faced actor. What could possibly go right? With a genuinely inebriated cast member each night, no two shows are ever the same in this raucous, riotous rampage through one of Shakespeare's greatest tragedies, Hamlet.

"Hilarious" ★★★★★ The Advertiser



IVAN ARISTEGUIETA READY TO MAMBO!

- Thu 19 March
- 8:30pm (60min)
- The Playhouse
- Full \$45*
- Conc, Group \$42*

Australia's favourite Venezuelan is back with a hilarious new show about dancing through tough times, finding joy in chaos, and shaking off your worries to a Latino beat.

Vamos! Ivan Aristeguieta is ready to mambo! Are you?

As seen on Have You Been Paying Attention? and Thank God You're Here.

"You absolutely MUST go, Ivan is witty, intelligent, and of course, hilarious" ★★★★★½ GlamAdelaide



AKMAL MY FAMILY & OTHER CRIMINALS

- Sat 14 March
- 8:30pm (60min)
- The Playhouse
- Full \$59.90*
- Conc, Group \$54.90*

Akmal returns sharing stories about people who affected his life. Like his uncle, who pretended to be a doctor by skipping medical school and simply buying a stethoscope and white coat. Or his millionaire uncle who gave himself an enema using the family garden hose (we never drank out of that hose again).

Meet these lovable but crazy characters in his hilarious brand new show!



LIZZY HOO SAYS HOO?

- Thu 19 March
- 7pm (60min)
- The Playhouse
- \$49*

Says Hoo? is a brand-new hour of stand-up comedy from your fave comedian Lizzy Hoo (now with short hair, yep she's in her bob era).

"Lizzy is a riot ★★★★★" Time Out



KIRSTY WEBECK LOST FOR WORDS

- Fri 20 March
- 7pm (60min)
- Kambri ANU
- \$38*

One thing Kirsty Webeck's never been accused of is being lost for words. She's coming back to Canberra to prove that the words keep flowing and they're always hilarious.

She makes her triumphant return to her hometown after four huge shows in 2025 with a new hour of standup guaranteed to have you quoting her one liners for weeks.

As seen on Spelling Bee.

"Webeck is the perfect choice." The Age



BREAKING: THE MUSICAL

- Sat 21 March
- 7pm (60min)
- The Playhouse
- Full \$45 / Conc \$42*

Breaking: The Musical is the true story of a completely fictional Breakdancer from Sydney's journey to the 2024 Paris Olympics. Written by and starring Australian comedian Steph Broadbridge, supported by a talented ensemble cast.

"This show is a gift" ★★★★★ MICF Funny Tonne

"Huge laughs throughout" ★★★★★½ Hugging Comedians



DAVE HUGHES COOKED

- Fri 13 March
- 7pm (60min)
- The Playhouse
- Full \$59.90*
- Conc, Group \$54.90*

There is no one else that comes close to the phenomenon that is Dave Hughes. Behind that cooked looking facade is a mind that works like no other.

Now more brutally honest than ever, not only is he Australia's best stand-up comedian, he is as good as it gets anywhere on the planet. Book today.

"A master of his trade." ★★★★★ The Advertiser



LYDD LANGFORD OKAY, I BELIEVE YOU

- Fri 20 March
- 8:30pm (60min)
- The Playhouse
- Full \$59.90*
- Conc, Group \$54.90*

A brand-new stand-up comedy show from a man that sounds like a YouTube video played at half speed.

Come along and hear about Lloyd's problems with every other single person on earth. May contain jokes about giraffes, clouds and salt.

"A collection of absolutely top-class standalone jokes." The Guardian



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LUKE HECCIE I WON'T SAY IT AGAIN

- Sat 21 March
- 6:45pm & 8:15pm (60min)
- Kambri ANU
- \$35*

This show is a compilation of bits, lovingly curated from the last five years. If you don't like that, you can rack off.

There will be one new joke in this show. The rest is old. Most comics have this protocol anyway, while making up a new title. They can rack off too.

I could still probably bash all your dads.

EXTRA SHOW



RAY O'LEARY I CAN SEE O'LEARY NOW THE RAY HAS GONE

- Sat 21 March
- 6:45pm (60min)
- Kambri ANU
- Full \$45 / Conc \$42*

Ray O'Leary (Taskmaster NZ, Have You Been Paying Attention?) has a new show.

Filled with the words you know and love but organised into sentences you have never heard before.



TOM CASHMAN NPC (NEARLY PROFICIENT COMEDIAN)

- Sat 14 March
- 7pm (60min)
- The Playhouse
- \$49*

You may know Tom from Taskmaster or TikTok or from his show descriptions ending abru



DAVE THORNTON MORE OR LESS

- Fri 20 March
- 8:30pm (60min)
- Kambri ANU
- \$42*

A seasoned performer whose shows have been described as 'devastatingly effective' (Chortle), Dave is back with a brand-new hour of stand-up, focusing on the small things that frustrate him and the large things that get on top of him... more or less.

"An hour of quick wit and cheery anecdotes." ★★★★★ The Age



BRON LEWIS CHAOS

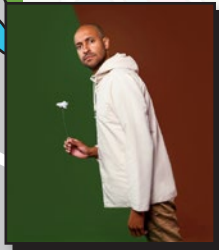
- Sat 21 March
- 8:15pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$38*

Bron Lewis' life is complete and utter chaos, just ask her dog trainer. She has three kids and just when things couldn't get any harder, she bought a puppy.

A glutton for punishment, Bron has welcomed the flourishing of her comedy career, which means she has a million plates in the air and even more smashed on the ground around her feet.

If you've ever thought 'If one thing goes wrong, we're all dead meat' then this is the comedy show for you!

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MATT OKINE NO. 10 HOPE ST

- Sat 21 March
- 5pm & 6:30pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$42*

Matt Okine is back doing what he does best: making mistakes so that you don't have to!

No. 10 Hope St sees the award-winning comedian and star of ABC's Mother and Son embark on his first national tour in six years with a brand new show about family, failure, and full-body ringworm.

Do not miss it!



LOU WALL WHERE ARE ALL THE TALL GRANDMAS?

- Sat 21 March
- 5pm & 8pm (60min)
- Kambri ANU
- \$38*

In this hilariously unhinged new hour, Wall dives head first into the disappearance of tall old women everywhere – a comedic investigation into height, heritage and what it truly means to live large.

"Wall is a comedy whirlwind." New York Times, 2025

Nominee – Melbourne Comedy Festival Award 2025



DILRUK JAYASINHA GRATITUDE CUY

- Fri 20 March
- 8:15pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$42*

Dilruk Jayasinha is the GOAT (gratefulest of all time)!

Dilruk has appeared on Utopia and Celebrity MasterChef Australia and filmed a stand-up special for Amazon Prime.

★★★★ Time Out



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NICK CODY CRUSHER

- 13–14 March
- 8pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$35*

Nick Cody is back where he belongs, saying hilarious/distasteful things on stage.

It shouldn't have taken this long, but he has a family now, and one of them always needs him to do something.



HEATH FRANKLIN'S CHOPPER GOLD

- Fri 20 March
- 9:45pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$45*

Aussie comedy legend and icon – Chopper – is celebrating his 20th anniversary of making us laugh.

Catch two decades of Chopper's funniest bits and hardest hits, from The Ronnie Johns Half Hour to today, including The Weather Sketch, HTFU Australia, Shopping at Bunnings and more. This isn't just another show – it's a comedy heist.

Cos the only thing funnier than a Chopper show is a show full of the best Chopper shows ever.



ZOË COOMBS MARR THE SPLASH ZONE

- Sun 22 March
- 8:15pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$38*

Strap in. Let's go. Zoë's feeling fun. Welcome to the Splash Zone.

Pop on your poncho for a full ball, pedal to the metal, embarrassingly silly display of going all in, pulling out the stops, leaping before looking and let's be honest here, just trying to make you laugh.

Which is good for you, because it's a comedy show. Just dumb, splashy fun in the form of "stand up comedy", with jokes, stories and goofiness from your favourite chaos imp.



TAKASHI WAKASUGI WABI-SABI COMEDY

- Thu 19 March, 6:15pm
- Fri 20 March, 6pm
- 60min
- Fun Time Pony
- \$35*

Wabi-sabi (侘び寂び) is a Japanese aesthetic that finds beauty in imperfection, impermanence, and incompleteness.

Takashi believes the concept of Wabi-sabi is the great way to make people happy. And he also thinks it might connect and adapt to his comedy.

In this show you will find laughs and happiness with his Wabi-sabi comedy.

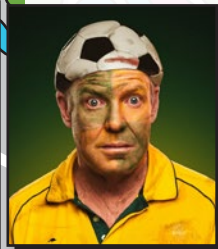


ANISA NANDLA NO SMALL TALK

- Sat 14 March
- 6:45pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$35*

Anisa Nandaula (Talkin' 'Bout Your Gen) dives headfirst into the chaos of her life – nearly getting into a fight, feuding with her next-door neighbour, and surviving her old workplace drama.

Then, after a decade away, she returns to Africa and brings back a suitcase full of hilarious, unforgettable stories. No filters, no small talk – just big laughs.



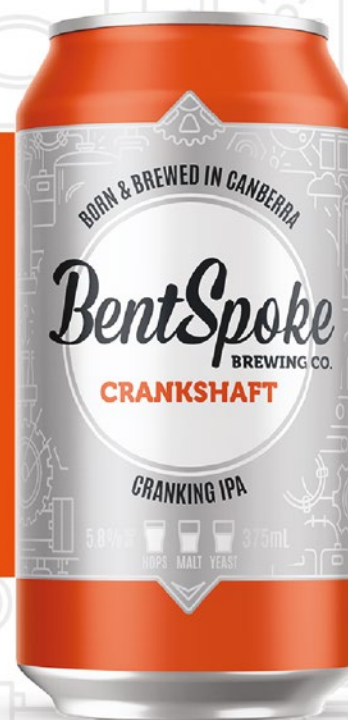
PETE HELLIARD AN INTERNATIONAL KERFUDDLE

- Sat 14 March
- 8:15pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$45*

In this hilariously outrageous true story, Pete Helliard finds himself at the centre of a media firestorm after a throwaway line on The Project goes global.

Was Pete offside – or just ahead of the game?

Directed by Zoë Coombs Marr



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MICHAEL HING REAL HUMAN MAN

- Fri 13 March
- 7pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$38*

A brand-new hour of jokes and stories from a man who has spent a lot of his life having to convince people he's not a robot. He's also a new father, but as you'd expect, that barely gets a mention.

As heard on triple j and Double J and seen on Channel Ten's The Project (which he wants to be very clear he left before it was cancelled).



CLAIRE HOOPER FUN SHOW XX

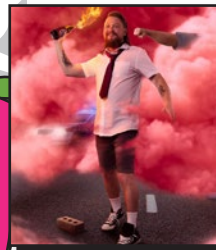
- 16 March
- 6:30pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$38*

Claire just wants to have fun.

But she's the least fun person she knows, so she's got her work cut out for her.

This is going to involve time, energy, sweat and tears, and probably some lists.

One thing's for sure, it's not going to be fun.



BRETT BLAKE LITTLE TURD

- 20–21 March
- 7:45pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$38*

In 2002 Brett Blake was charged with inciting a riot, disorderly conduct and assaulting a public officer. Is he guilty? You be the judge.

Directed by Tom Ballard.



NATH VALVO HOMEBODY

- Fri 20 March, 7:30pm
- Sat 21 March, 6:15pm
- 60min
- Fun Time Pony
- \$38*

Nath's been out of the house... the drama of it all! Jokes, gossip and high-kicks at a sensible hour. Don't miss one of the country's best comedians in his element.

"Gags that will leave you gasping!"
★★★★ Herald Sun

"High maintenance, petulant, difficult, antisocial and hard to please. Nath Valvo just gets better and better." ★★★★★ The Scotsman



TOM BALLARD BE FUNNY CHALLENGE (IMPOSSIBLE)

- 20–21 March
- 9pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$38*

After a year away from touring, doing nothing but being very nice and uncontroversial, Australia's Special Envoy For Comedy Tom Ballard returns in 2026 with a new show packed with heaps of jokes.



HE HUANG T.E.M.U JOKE FACTORY

- 20–21 March
- 8pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$35*

Winner Best Newcomer – Sydney Comedy Festival, 2023

Best Newcomer Nominee – Melbourne International Comedy Festival, 2023

Congratulations! You're now a worker at the T.E.M.U Joke Factory! With team leader, He Huang, you'll write a live show together. Mass produced comedy, big disposable laughs! No toilet breaks. Now get to work!

As seen on Thank God You're Here, Australia's Got Talent and the Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala.

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WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

7:00 PM	Red, Yellow, Blaklister	Courtyard Studio
8:30 PM	True Blue James	Courtyard Studio

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

6:15 PM	Charlotte Kuruc & Caitlin Maggs	Fun Time Pony
6:30 PM	Chris Marlton	Courtyard Studio
8:00 PM	John Cruckshank	Fun Time Pony
8:30 PM	ANU Law Revue	Courtyard Studio

FRIDAY 13 MARCH

6:00 PM	The B-Team	Fun Time Pony
6:30 PM	Simon Bower	Courtyard Studio
6:30 PM	Sarah Ison	The Street Theatre
7:00 PM	Dave Hughes	The Playhouse
7:00 PM	Michael Hing	The Street Theatre
7:30 PM	League of Ordinary Gentlemen	Fun Time Pony
7:45 PM	Jeremy Smith	The Street Theatre
8:00 PM	Nick Cody	Courtyard Studio
8:30 PM	RAW Comedy ACT Final	The Street Theatre
9:00 PM	League of Ordinary Gentlemen	Fun Time Pony
9:00 PM	Dylan Holmes	The Street Theatre
10:00 PM	Festival Club	Courtyard Studio

SATURDAY 14 MARCH

1:00 PM	Warehouse Circus	The Street Theatre
5:00 PM	Makedonka & Marie	Courtyard Studio
5:15 PM	Sashi Perera	The Street Theatre
6:00 PM	The B-Team	Fun Time Pony
6:30 PM	Anneli Cole	The Street Theatre
6:30 PM	Nick Schuller	Courtyard Studio
6:45 PM	Anisa Nandaula	The Street Theatre
7:00 PM	Tom Cashman	The Playhouse
7:30 PM	Carlo Ritchie	Fun Time Pony
7:45 PM	Suma Iyer	The Street Theatre
8:00 PM	Nick Cody	Courtyard Studio
8:15 PM	Pete Heliar	The Street Theatre
8:30 PM	Akmal	The Playhouse
9:00 PM	Jeffrey Charles & Fateh Singh	The Street Theatre
10:00 PM	Festival Club	Courtyard Studio

SUNDAY 15 MARCH

6:00 PM	Tanya Losanno	Courtyard Studio
8:00 PM	Bread Revue	Courtyard Studio

MONDAY 16 MARCH

6:30 PM	Claire Hooper	Courtyard Studio
8:00 PM	Makedonka & Marie	Courtyard Studio

TUESDAY 17 MARCH

6:15 PM	Canberra Comedy Festival Gala	Canberra Theatre
8:45 PM	Canberra Comedy Festival Gala - Encore	Canberra Theatre

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

6:00 PM	Class Clowns	Courtyard Studio
6:15 PM	Charlotte Kuruc & Caitlin Maggs	Fun Time Pony
6:30 PM	Wil Anderson	The Street Theatre
7:30 PM	Daniel Muggleton	Courtyard Studio
7:45 PM	Wedding Ring, sufferRing	The Street Theatre
8:00 PM	Sean Woodland	Fun Time Pony
8:15 PM	The Canberra Comedy Festival Debate	The Street Theatre
9:00 PM	David Correos	The Street Theatre

THURSDAY 19 MARCH

6:15 PM	Takashi Wakasugi	Fun Time Pony
6:30 PM	Dept of Rock 'n ROFL	Smith's Alternative
6:30 PM	Wil Anderson	The Street Theatre
6:30 PM	Emma Holland	The Street Theatre
7:00 PM	Lizzy Hoo	The Playhouse
7:00 PM	Rob Carlton	Courtyard Studio
7:45 PM	Wedding Ring, sufferRing	The Street Theatre
8:00 PM	Dan Rath	Fun Time Pony
8:15 PM	Schalk Bezuidenhout	The Street Theatre
8:30 PM	Ivan Aristeguieta	The Playhouse
8:30 PM	Nathan Hillman & Seany Boy	Courtyard Studio
9:00 PM	David Correos	The Street Theatre



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FRIDAY 20 MARCH

6:00 PM	Takashi Wakasugi	Fun Time Pony
6:30 PM	Wil Anderson	The Street Theatre
6:30 PM	Emma Holland	The Street Theatre
6:30 PM	Frankie McNair	Courtyard Studio
6:45 PM	Geraldine Hickey	Canberra Theatre
7:00 PM	Stephen K Amos	The Playhouse
7:00 PM	Kirsty Webeck	Kambri ANU
7:30 PM	Nath Valvo	Fun Time Pony
7:45 PM	Brett Blake	The Street Theatre
8:00 PM	He Huang	Courtyard Studio
8:15 PM	Sammy J	Canberra Theatre
8:15 PM	Dilruk Jayasinha	The Street Theatre
8:30 PM	Lloyd Langford	The Playhouse
8:30 PM	Dave Thornton	Kambri ANU
9:00 PM	Tom Ballard	The Street Theatre
9:45 PM	Heath Franklin's Chopper	The Street Theatre
10:00 PM	Festival Club	Courtyard Studio

SATURDAY 21 MARCH

2:00 PM	Celia Pacquola	The Playhouse
5:00 PM	Matt Okine	Courtyard Studio
5:00 PM	Lou Wall	Kambri ANU
5:00 PM	Clean Comedy Spectacular	The Playhouse
6:00 PM	The Umbilical Brothers	Canberra Theatre
6:15 PM	Nath Valvo	Fun Time Pony
6:30 PM	Wil Anderson	The Street Theatre
6:30 PM	Matt Okine	Courtyard Studio
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8:00 PM	Lou Wall	Kambri ANU
8:15 PM	Luke Heggie	Kambri ANU
8:15 PM	Melanie Bracewell	Canberra Theatre
8:15 PM	Bron Lewis	The Street Theatre
8:30 PM	Celia Pacquola	The Playhouse
9:00 PM	Tom Ballard	The Street Theatre
10:00 PM	Festival Club	Courtyard Studio

SUNDAY 22 MARCH

6:30 PM	Wil Anderson	The Street Theatre
8:15 PM	Zoë Coombs Marr	The Street Theatre



EMMA HOLLAND THE DOG DIES AT THE START

- 19–20 March
- 6:30pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$35*

I told my manager I wanted to write a show about dead dogs, and she said "oh god" but that's not really my problem, it's her job to market it.

This show isn't sad, you will leave feeling good. I promise. Thinking about asking my vet for a refund on the euthanasia just to see what happens.



DANIEL MUGGLETON WHITE HERE, WHITE NOW

- Wed 18 March
- 7:30pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- Full \$37* / Conc \$32*

Daniel Muggleton continues to be one of Australia's most in-demand comedians. In 2025, Rolling Stone named him a 'Must-See Show' at Edinburgh Fringe.

He spent the rest of the year selling out shows around Australia, receiving critical-acclaim and seriously offending two people in Perth... don't miss the man in the red tracksuit live in Canberra with a new hour of brutally honest stand-up.

★★★★★ "A foul-mouthed prophet" *The Advertiser*

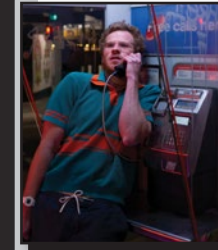


SAM TAUNTON THIS MUST BE THE PLACE

- Sat 21 March
- 8pm (60min)
- Fun Time Pony
- \$38*

Join Sam for this 60 minute story, filled with a lifetime of suburban misadventures, small-town characters, and the strange nostalgia of losing the place that made you.

"Serendipitous comedy gold." *The Age*



DAN RATH HELP ME PLEASE

- Thu 19 March
- 8pm (60min)
- Fun Time Pony
- Full \$37 / Conc \$32*

You probably already know me from reading the news. In 2018, I dressed up as a sewing needle and hid inside a strawberry. I'm so used to failure that success represents an existential threat.

Winner – Best of the Fest, Sydney Comedy Festival (2025)

★★★★★ Chortle (UK)



SCHALK BEZUIDENHOUT HEY HEY DIVORCÉ

- Thu 19 March
- 8:15pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$44*

Schalk Bezuidenhout is back with a brand new show. His first and (hopefully, for the love of all things good) only show post divorce.

Schalk hasn't checked in with you all in sometime and he wants to talk to you. Actually... he NEEDS to talk to you! Why? Because it's cheaper than therapy. That's why!



DANIELLE WALKER BITTERSWEET

- Sat 21 March
- 6:30pm (60min)
- Kambri ANU
- \$35*

They say you can't put lipstick on a pig, well call the Guinness Book of Records, 'cause I did it and she's a sexy little sow.

The show isn't about that, just thought you should know.



FRANKIE MCNAIR HUGE ASS MINDSET

- Fri 20 March
- 6:30pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$30*

Welcome to Frankie McNair's unhinged stand-up hour packed with their favourite gags - some new, some classics you can sing along to like karaoke.

After a lifetime of anxiety, CPTSD, and low self-esteem (wild for someone whose eye colour changes between green and blue right?!) Frankie is done making themselves small.

So, whenever self-doubt creeps in, they ask "What would someone with a huge ass do?"



JOHN CRUICKSHANK LIVE

- Thu 12 March
- 8pm (60min)
- Fun Time Pony
- \$32*

4 x 12 minute quarters of premium stand up comedy in this NBA game structured show.

Will sharpshooting professional comedian John Cruickshank blow an early first-quarter lead or will he come through in the clutch in the fourth quarter to get the victory?



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THE CANBERRA COMEDY FESTIVAL DEBATE

- Wed 18 March
- 8:15pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$35*

Six hilarious competitors. Two ridiculous teams. Barely any rules.

Some of the finest comic minds will slap each other silly with a scintillating turn of phrase as they debate:

Relationship age gaps don't matter!

Feat. Tom Gibson, Chris Ryan, Rob Carlton, Trish Hurley, Jacqui Richards, Nick Starkey and Hamish Hudson.

Presented with Contentious Character Winery, 'home of good wines & great debates'

SPECIAL EVENT



SEAN WOODLAND GOAT

- Wed 18 March
- 8pm (60min)
- Fun Time Pony
- \$35*

"The GOAT was the "Greatest Of All Time." Now there's a new, improved GOAT – "Grifting Opportunistic Aspirational Tokenist."

Woody knows he never will be a 'Greatest', but he might be a 'Grifter' or 'Gullible'. Which one are you? Even if you don't find the answer, you'll have a damn good laugh as he curiously investigates our eagerness to invest in the grift.



CANBERRA COMEDY FESTIVAL FESTIVAL CLUB

- 13, 14, 20, 21 March
- 10pm (100min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$20*

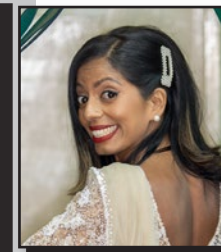
The Festival Club is the place to be after the other shows have drifted into the night, as we call last drinks and put on one more spectacular line-up for a dirt cheap price and an all time hang.

A festival insider favourite - go where the comedians go after the show as we pop on a late night smorgasbord of comedy full of legends, larrikins and locals. Every Festival Club lineup is different.

It's late, loose and legendary and you never know who is going to show up.

Limited capacity - book quickly!

SPECIAL EVENT



SASHI PERERA PEAR TREE

- Sat 14 March
- 5:15pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$39*

Sashi's family name – Perera – means pear tree in Portuguese. It's a common name in Sri Lanka where Sashi was born but never lived.

Till a series of pear-shaped events saw her move back to where it all began with her white Australian husband in tow.

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ROB CARLTON VIRGIN IN A KNIFE FIGHT

- Thu 19 March
- 7pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- Full \$40*
- Conc \$35 / U25 \$25*

After sold-out shows with Willing Participant, Logie-winner Rob Carlton returns with Virgin In A Knife Fight – four true tales of chaos, courage and charm.

From a Salzburg knife fight to courtroom mayhem and fatherhood, Rob finds the funny in being both the hero AND the idiot!



DAVID CORREOS TOUCHING MY ACTIVE MIND

- 18–19 March
- 9pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$32*

In Touching My Active Mind, David dives headfirst into his mum's wild survival story, his relationship with the country of his parents, and his dad's... surprise plot twist.



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CLEAN COMEDY SPECTACULAR

- Sat 21 March
- 5pm (60min)
- The Playhouse
- Full \$25
- Conc \$20 / Group \$22*

Get tickled by our squeaky-clean line-up of comedians doing material that is both hilarious and tasteful, for one show only.

A spectacular line-up that is suitable for everyone from age ten and up. Featuring a selection of the best festival comedians, with none of the dirty bits! All your favourite comedians – none of the swearing – in a great show for the whole family!

FAMILY FRIENDLY



WAREHOUSE CIRCUS THE GREAT BIG CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA

- Sat 14 March
- 1pm (70min)
- The Street Theatre
- Full \$30 / Conc \$20*
- Family \$90*

Come see the amazing kids of Warehouse Circus working with Canberra clowns and circus artists, with special guests from Hand To Hand Academy (10915NAT Certificate IV in Acting) students to make 70 minutes of silly, variety show fun. Sketches, acrobatics, juggling and human pyramids form a chock-a-block hour of silly family fun!

"Wide eyes, loud laughter and deafening applause"
Canberra Critics' Circle

FAMILY FRIENDLY



ANNELI COLE BABE, INTERRUPTED

- Sat 14 March
- 6:30pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$25*

Anneli has been going through it. Thankfully, humour is a recognised coping mechanism. Right?

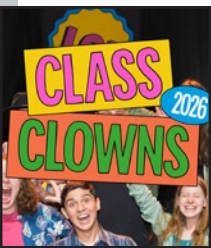
An honest look at mental health, growing up and making your own way, Babe, Interrupted is a raw, hilarious series of reflections. Anneli's ability to combine the tough parts of life with razor sharp wit and sunny optimism will charm and leave you feeling seen.



CARLO RITCHIE NO ICEBERGS ROUND HERE, MATE

- Sat 14 March
- 7:30pm (60min)
- Fun Time Pony
- \$30*

You'll be sitting down, I'll be standing up and by god we'll figure something out between us. Will you laugh? I certainly hope so, for both our sakes.



CLASS CLOWNS 2026

- 18 March
- 6pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$10*

Join the search for Australia's funniest teens! Come see the next generation of Australian comedians hit the stage in this special teen-age comedy bash!

Melbourne International Comedy Festival's national comedy competition Class Clowns has been unearthing the freshest voices in Australia comedy for almost three decades, and this year's stars are some of the most hilarious yet!

Presented by Melbourne International Comedy Festival.



2026 RAW COMEDY ACT STATE FINAL

- Fri 13 March
- 8:30pm (110min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$39*

Come along for a massive night of unique, original comedy, and your chance at an 'I saw them before they were famous' moment.

Expect hidden gems, WTF moments, and comedy legends in the making as the 2026 ACT State Finalists battle it out for a chance to compete at the 2026 RAW Comedy National Grand Final in Melbourne.

There's no better place to see the future of Australian comedy.

Presented by Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

SPECIAL EVENT



TRUE BLUE JAMES STICKER ON A STICK EP LAUNCH

- Wed 11 March
- 8:30pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$25*

He'll do anything to sell a Sticker On A Stick. For his debut Canberra Comedy Festival, he's dropping an EP to prove it. Fresh off his sold-out "First Ever Sold Out Show," True Blue James brings absurd musical genius.

Indescribable, wildly stupid, interactive comedy like no other. Catchy hooks, surreal jingles, guaranteed laughs. #StickerOnAStick



WEDDING RING, SUFFERING

- 18–19 March
- 7:45pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$25*

Two couples. Four rings. A lifetime of suffer-ring. This show is a mix of stand-up, storytelling, and roast-style chaos as husbands and wives battle it out in the comedy boxing ring of marriage.



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LEAGUE OF ORDINARY GENTLEMEN

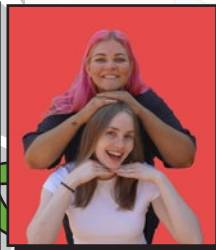
- Fri 13 March
- 7:30pm & 9pm (60min)
- Fun Time Pony
- \$25*

Are they a league? Well, there's four of them. Are they gentlemen? Who's to say. Are they edgy, hot and young? No, no and definitely no. Are they ordinary? Well, yes, look at them.

Toby, Dave, Greg and Paddy are ordinary. But damn it, they're funny. And this is going to be one riotous night where you get to laugh with them, and at them.

Don't think you are too cool for this show. This show is "cool".

EXTRA SHOW



CHARLOTTE KURUC & CAITLIN MAGGS PACKAGE DEAL

- 12 & 18 March
- 6:15pm (60min)
- Fun Time Pony
- \$25*

What's better than one unsuccessful RAW Comedy national finalist? Two unsuccessful RAW Comedy national finalists!

Charlotte Kuruc and Caitlin Maggs are a package deal. After a brilliant 2025, with several sold out shows and a spot on the Canberra Comedy Festival Gala, Canberra's favourite electrician and uni student combo are back with the deal of a lifetime.

If you love one, you might like the other. Join us for a joke party you'll never forget!



RED, YELLOW, BLAKLISTED FIRST NATION'S COMEDY SHOWCASE

- Wed 11 March
- 7pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$25*

Red, Yellow, Blaklisted brings a fierce lineup of First Nations comedians delivering sharp wit, bold truth-telling, and unapologetic cultural pride. Expect storytelling, satire, and punchlines that hit hard as Blak voices take centre stage.

Funny, fearless, and unforgettable — get ready to be Blaklisted with Cameron Ribbons, Cy Fahey, Jez Margosis, Jacob Keed and Patrick Vann.



TANYA LOSANNO BOULEVARD OF BROKEN BONBONNIERE

- Sun 15 March
- 6pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$25*

Tanya Losanno has spent her life in weddings — guest, flower girl, bridesmaid, bride, MC and now Celebrant.

Her true passion, though, is bonbonniere. She dreams of opening the world's first bonbonniere museum, celebrating the wedding trinkets that outlast the big day. Boulevard of Broken Bonbonniere showcases everything from '70s tacky to today's trendy.

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JEREMY SMITH BENCHMARK

- Fri 13 March
- 7:45pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$25*

Benchmark — a standard to compare other things. Everything in my life has made sense at the time, but now feels like a Jackson Pollock painting or a chunder in the back of an Uber. Other than cost what's the difference?

Who wrote that, Steve is that you? Insights from someone who's successfully misguided.

You may walk away feeling you've got things under control. If you think you've been listening to a motivational speaker seek help immediately.



THE B-TEAM

- 13–14 March
- 6pm (60min)
- Fun Time Pony
- \$25*

Three of Australia's funniest, sharpest and most battle-tested comedians — Chris Ryan, Tom Gibson and Danny Bensley — deliver new material with the energy that only fear of failure can carry.

If you have a problem, if no one else can make you laugh, and if you can find them... maybe you can hire The B-Team.

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DEPT OF ROCK 'N ROFL

- Thu 19 March
- 6:30pm (120min)
- Smith's Alternative
- Full \$30 / Conc \$20*

The Dept of Rock 'n ROFL are powering up the amps once more to deliver a hilarious and high-voltage performance review of Canberra's favourite love child – the public service.

No filing cabinet will be left unopened when Madam Secretary and her public service rockstars get swinging at Smith's Alternative.

Live musical satire, stand-up comedy and a fun rock quiz, Dept of Rock 'n ROFL's Performance Review is guaranteed to tick your boxes!



BREAD REVUE CRUST MY HEART (AND HOPE TO RYE)

- Sun 15 March
- 8pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$28*

[FKA Cake Revue – retitled to avoid paying Luxury Goods tax]

Bread Revue is a sketch comedy group with its finger on the pulse; writing sketches with universal appeal, covering topics like Catholic guilt, horses, and The Miracle on the Hudson.

After two previous sold-out shows (don't look that up) Bread Revue is back, and they're finally bringing their skills to the Canberra Comedy Festival.



MAKEDONKA & MARIE AEROBICS: WOG STYLE

- Sat 14 March, 5pm
- Mon 16 March, 8pm
- 60min
- Courtyard Studio
- \$25*

Aerobics: Wog Style is as muscly as Monday's come as this unstoppable, crazy strong Macedonian-Greek duo weave their stories of struggle, misunderstandings and protein powder into one (sugar-free) jam-packed hour!

Makedonka and Marie are coming in hot and will blow your (scrunch) socks off with anecdotes full of hometown nostalgia and casual racism all while helping you pronounce words that have more consonants and syllables than necessary!

EXTRA SHOW



CHRIS MARLTON DESMOND LITTLE

- Thu 12 March
- 6:30pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$25*

Desmond Little, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is out for the night. He's got a few drinks, an open heart, and wide open chakras. There could be tarot reading, mind reading, singing and possibly even time to share a burrito after the show.

Susan sends her apologies, she can't make it.



ANU LAW REVUE

- Thu 12 March
- 8:30pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$25*

It's made it this far! An original, student-run sketch comedy show, the ANU Law Revue has promised witty humour, quirky characters and showstopping musical numbers for 54 years!

And don't worry, just like our tax records, 'law' is just a formality. We haven't read enough of our textbooks to make jokes about that, so this show is for everybody!

Prepare to laugh, prepare to gasp and, most importantly, prepare for ANU Law Revue!



DYLAN HOLMES SAINT OF LOSERS

- Fri 13 March
- 9pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$25*

He stands for the dorks, the dweebs, the dinguses, the disappointments, the screw ups, the failures, the chokers, the weirdos, the outsiders, the square pegs in the round holes, the round pegs in the square holes, and anyone who's ever really just cocked something up completely.

He is the Saint of Losers. Join Dylan as he guides us through the highs and many lows of history's most magnificent failures.



SIMON BOWER SOMETIMES GIVE UP

- Fri 13 March
- 6:30pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$25*

NEVER give up? Not even if it's hard? After quitting comedy for over five years, proud quitter Simon Bower returns to the stage to debunk this propaganda of persistence in his cheeky, self-deprecating style.

Sometimes Give Up is a hilarious, earnest and maybe even inspiring hour of stand-up comedy about how losers never quit, and quitters never lose.

"Nailed the self-deprecation angle with aplomb" Herald Sun



SUMA IYER JESUS CHRIST SUMA STAR

- Sat 14 March
- 7:45pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$25*

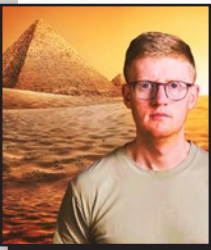
I got to be Jesus by the time I was a teenager. Frankly, it's been mostly downhill since.



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NICK SCHULLER DRY THINK THEREFORE DRY AM

- Sat 14 March
- 6:30pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$26*

Stand-up comedy is a lot like under-12s football, a great way to disappoint your parents and only good when it's dry.

Nick Schuller's latest show takes this mantra to its logical extreme for an hour of paint-peeling comedy that's drier than a sub-Saharan Weet-Bix. BYO Sorbolene.



SARAH ISON HOT SEAT

- Fri 13 March
- 6:30pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$25*

Lighting impossible things on fire. Getting trafficked in Albania. Feeling compelled to tell Donald Trump about her mood.

Sarah's found herself in the hot seat frequently in her life, and there's very rarely a "reasonable" explanation. The explanations she can offer though always make for a bloody good story.

Hot Seat is Sarah's second solo comedy show, following the success of her first show You Laugh, Therefore I Am.



JEFFREY CHARLES & FATEH SINGH ESHAY SOIRÉE

- Sat 14 March
- 9pm (60min)
- The Street Theatre
- \$25*

Have you heard the sounds of the city?

A dull, low, almost atonal beat from a bluetooth speaker. A short, 'Yea, bra. Let's trot' followed by the subtle swish of nylon. A glimpse of a baseball cap. Was that a Nautica tracksuit you saw in Civic? It's the Eshay Soiree.

Jeffrey Charles and Fateh Singh will bring the true sounds of Canberra to the people with the Eshay Soiree. Stories and songs of the streets. From Civic to Woden and back again.



NATHAN HILLMAN & SEANY BOY GET THE PARTY STARTED!

- Thu 19 March
- 8:30pm (60min)
- Courtyard Studio
- \$25*

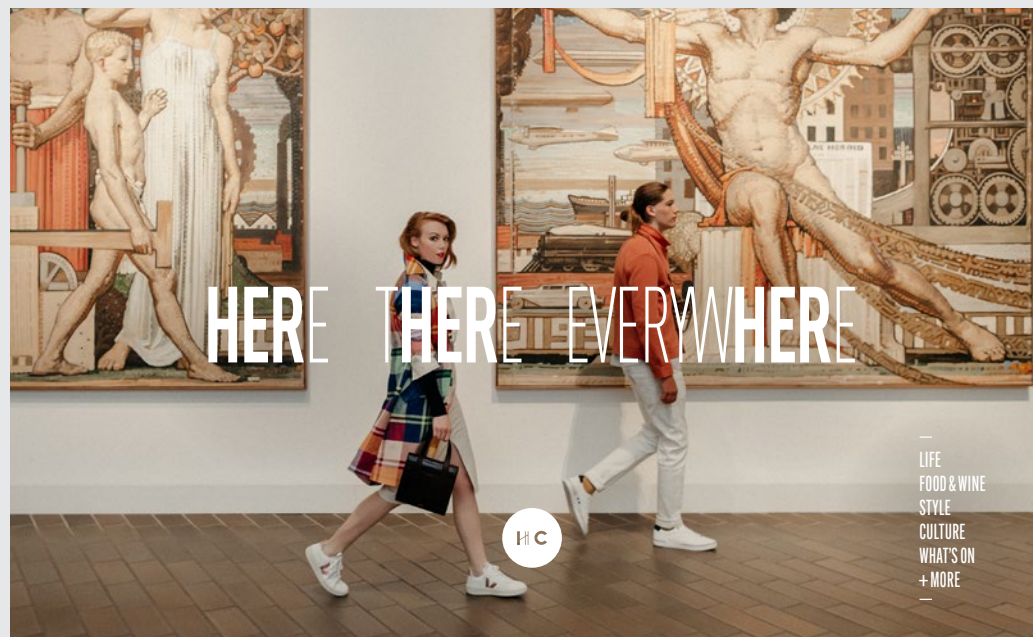
After a packed-out run last year, Canberra's party lads return with fresh laughs and a few gasps.

RAW Comedy ACT finalists Nathan Hillman, the IT geek who picked up a guitar, and Seany Boy, the political hopeful turned comic, dive into midlife chaos, failed ambitions, geek culture and Facebook boomer battles – proving once again that Canberra truly knows how to party... Politically and Socially.

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