



SAMMY J

WINNER 2012 Spirit of the Fringe – Jakarta International Fringe Festival
WINNER 2010 Barry Award – Melbourne International Comedy Festival
WINNER 2006 Best Newcomer – Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Sammy J is an award-winning comedian, writer and musician. A proud nerd, he abandoned his law degree to travel the world and sing funny songs for a living. You may have seen him on TV, at a festival, or as one half of the man/puppet duo Sammy J & Randy.

As a solo act, Sammy J won the Best Newcomer award at the 2006 Melbourne International Comedy Festival. He has since performed at the Edinburgh Fringe, Montreal Just For Laughs, and every major Australian comedy festival. His album *Skinny Man, Modern World* was nominated for Best Comedy Release at the 2012 ARIA awards, and in 2013 he hosted the ABC's political sketch show *Wednesday Night Fever*. In 2008, a collaboration with puppeteer Heath McIvor led to the dark musical comedy *Sammy J in the Forest of Dreams*, which won the Age Critics' Award in Melbourne and went on to receive five-star reviews in Edinburgh and London's West End.

As 'Sammy J & Randy', the duo received Australia's most prestigious comedy prize - the Barry Award - at the 2010 Melbourne Comedy Festival. In 2014 Sammy J & Randy travelled to South Africa as Oxfam ambassadors to witness Oxfam's work firsthand. Their debut sitcom, *Sammy J & Randy in Ricketts Lane*, premiered on ABC TV in 2015, and will launch in the United States in 2016. As a composer, Sammy J has written countless comedy songs for stage and TV, and scored the incidental music for *Sammy J & Randy in Ricketts Lane*.

Away from the comedy world, Sammy J regularly runs workshops in schools, co-hosts *The Conversation Hour* on ABC radio, and has written for multiple publications including *The Age* newspaper. His MC work has seen him host awards shows, corporate events, and inject much-needed humour into panel discussions.

'Sammy J is witty, talented, and possessed of incredible timing and memory' *The Age*

'One truly spectacular hour of comedy' *Chortle*

'An endlessly creative talent' *Time Out London*

'He wraps the satirical centre of his songs in a deliciously saccharine shell and performs them with gusto' *The Age*

'You'll be lucky if you see anything funnier...' *Theatre Review*

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