

NINA OYAMA



Nina Oyama is a 23 year old stand up comedian and writer.

She started performing in high school and since then her brand of comedy has been seen at various festivals across Australia, as well as televised appearances on SBS2's *Stand Up @ Bella Union*, Channel IV's *About Tonight* and *In The Zone 2015*. As a writer, Nina has worked on *You're Skitting Me S2 (ABC3)* and *The Chaser's Election Desk*. Since graduating with a Bachelor of Communications (Theatre/Media) from Charles Sturt University in 2016, her debut play *The Glass System* has gone on to win the *Blair Milan Scholarship* and is touring Australia in 2017.

Most recently, Nina was listed as a finalist for ABC'S Fresh Blood Comedy grant, for her pitch *The Angus Project*. Co-created with her friend Angus Thompson who has cerebral palsy, the show is based loosely on his life and aims to subvert perceptions of what it means to have a disability. It will be broadcast on ABC iView in late 2017.

Currently, Nina appears as Courtney on the Logie Award winning Working Dog show *Utopia*, and *The Checkout* on ABC.

She was once described as "Fast, funny, bitinglly accurate...Watching Nina Oyama makes me want to be a 19 year old girl again" by Dan Ilic (*Hungry Beast, Can of Worms*), although she is no longer in her teens, she wishes to continue inspiring people of every age and gender to feel youthful and female.





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