

# JAMES PENDER



James is a Sydney based writer, director, performer and musician with over fifteen years experience writing and performing comedy.

James is best known for his work as a writer and performer on Network 10's Logie nominated cult sketch show, *The Ronnie Johns Half Hour*. He has performed sketch comedy at all of Australia's major comedy festivals alongside comedians Felicity Ward, Heath Franklin and Jordan Raskopoulos. In 2011, James wrote and directed the Tropfest finalist film *Y2GAY*, which played at major short film festivals across North America and Europe. In 2015, he performed his first ever solo stand up show, *Let's Get Started*, which toured at the Adelaide Fringe and Sydney Comedy Festivals. In 2016, he teamed up with Sammy J and Chris McDonald to co-write *Sammy J's Playground Politics* to coincide with the federal election. The success of this daily political satire sketch led the three to create *Sammy J's Democratic Party* for ABC TV. James currently co-writes, and has directed multiple episodes of, the weekly *Sammy J* show for ABC TV.

James is also an accomplished lawyer, having worked in Paris and The Hague resolving disputes on behalf of middle eastern States and the United Nations. Most recently, James was a senior lawyer at the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse.



## AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

**FINALIST** 2011 Tropfest Short Film Festival



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