

# DAVID QUIRK



You might have seen David Quirk in *Rosehaven*, Celia Pacquola and Luke McGregor's acclaimed ABC series where he plays the odd/lovely character of Damian, the Tasmanian hoarding locksmith. Or maybe it was as Josh Thomas' love interest in *Please Like Me*. If not there, perhaps it was with Sam Simmons in *Problems*, or with *Sammy J & Randy* in *Ricketts Lane*. Who can say?

Stand-up comedian and actor David Quirk has cemented his place on our TV screens and as an original voice on the international comedy circuit, with hit live shows in Australia and the UK. His break-through live show, *Shaking Hands With Danger*, a storytelling tale about infidelity, took out the coveted peer voted award - The Piece of Wood Award at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, and was nominated for Best Comedy at the Sydney Comedy Festival. The show also ran successful seasons in both London and Edinburgh.



His follow up, *Career, Suicide* in 2014, also garnered great reviews and has

consolidated David's place as one of our most interesting, honest and daring standups.

In 2015, David premiered his eagerly awaited show *Thrasher* – a pop-up site specific show performed in the actual skateboard shop where he has worked for most of his adult life. He followed this up with *Approaching Perfection* in 2016, a unanimous four-star show that toured the country and the UK: 'His observations are revealing, his realisations endearing – Quirk is a comic not to be missed.' The Skinny(UK). In addition to his numerous successful solo shows, David has co-created and performed in award-winning collaborations: *The Incident*, a bromantic comedy with Sam Simmons, for which he won the Golden Gibbo Award at the Melbourne Comedy Festival in 2010. He went on to win the Innovation in Theatre Award at the Melbourne Fringe Festival in 2011 for *Bunny*, written by Benjamin Cittadini and performed with Craig Peade.

In 2017 David premiered his successful show *Cowboy Mouth* at the Melbourne Comedy Festival and the Edinburgh Fringe, captivating audiences and critics alike. In 2018, *Cowboy Mouth* was filmed live in Melbourne for ABC's *Comedy Next Gen*. David filmed a lead role in short film *The Comedian* directed by James Woods and collaborated with Benjamin Cittadini, starring in *Elmo* at the Melbourne Fringe Festival. 'Quick wit and impeccable timing, Quirk is a compelling storyteller.' The Herald Sun. 'Brilliant...we've been on a journey through Quirk's own curious mind, and what a ride it's been.'

★★★★ The Age.

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## REVIEWS

'Who knows what is true in this mesmerising hour, full of deep thoughts, philosophy and world-class stupidity...our hero is unfazed. Confident, assured and in control, he seems perfectly at home.' ★★★★★ - The Scotsman

'A triumphant show.' ★★★★★Chortle

'An intelligent hour of comedy that's both funny and philosophical, full of uncomfortable truths, black humour, and brutal honesty.' ★★★★★  
The Age

'Witty, intelligent... The jokes may be wry, but the huge grins in the audience are not.' ★★★★★ Arts Hub

'This show has enough darkness to enjoy from start to finish.'  
★★★★ Rip It Up



## AWARDS & NOMINATIONS



**WINNER** Moosehead Award 2015

**WINNER** Piece of Wood Award - Melbourne Comedy Festival 2013

**NOMINEE** Best of the Fest - Sydney Comedy Festival 2013

**WINNER** Innovation in Theatre Award - Melbourne Fringe 2011

**WINNER** Golden Gibbo Award - Melbourne Comedy Festival 2010

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