

SAMMY J



Sammy J is an Australian comedian, author, composer and broadcaster. He's performed around the world, had a sitcom on Netflix, is one half of the man/puppet comedy duo 'Sammy J & Randy', hosted the ABC Radio Melbourne breakfast show and created viral satirical sketches and songs on politics, parenting, and everything in between.

He's basically had more career eras than Taylor Swift, and the combined income of their most recent tours was over one billion dollars.

After dropping out of his law degree, Sammy J won the Best Newcomer award at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. His albums have received four ARIA nominations for Best Comedy Release, and he gained a national following with his satirical series *Playground Politics*. His solo show, *Hero Complex*, won Best Comedy at the Melbourne Fringe Festival and a Helpmann Award nomination. His weekly satirical sketches on the ABC ran for five years with millions of views online and an AACTA nomination for Best Comedy Program.

His most recent live tours include *The Kangaroo Effect*, *Good Hustle* and *Symphony in J Minor*, which as recorded for a Paramount+ live special at the Malthouse Theatre.



Collaborating with Heath McIvor, *Sammy J & Randy* received the Barry Award for Most Outstanding Show at the 2010 Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Their acclaimed live shows have taken them from the Sydney Opera House to London's West End and multiple Montreal comedy galas. Their musical sitcom, *Sammy J & Randy in Ricketts Lane*, premiered on ABC TV in 2015 before launching in the USA & Netflix UK, and was nominated for three AACTA awards.

As a composer, Sammy J has written songs for stage and screen and scored the original soundtrack for *Ricketts Lane* and *Sammy J's Playground Politics*. His song *Pink Clouds* was arranged and performed with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, and his country music album *Buster J: Cross Country* succeeded in utterly baffling the entire population of Nashville, who have banned him from ever visiting again.

Away from the comedy world, Sammy J's MC skills have seen him host award shows, interview politicians, and inject much-needed humour into corporate events. He regularly runs workshops in schools, narrates educational content, and his debut middle-grade novel *The Long Class Goodnight* was published by Hardie Grant in 2023.

Sammy J is a proud Ambassador for Big Brothers Big Sisters and Oxfam, and has travelled to South Africa and PNG to witness their work firsthand. In 2023 he broadcast live on radio for twenty-four hours straight to help raise money for SecondBite.

Still, Sammy's biggest project remains unfinished. In 2008, he started *The 50 Year Show*, a comedy spectacular that will run every five years until 2058. The show continues in 2028.



REVIEWS

"The man is a genius. ★★★★★" - The Age

"A hilarious and unforgettable tale. ★★★★★" - Beat Magazine

"One truly spectacular hour of comedy." - Chortle

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

- NOMINEE** Best Comedy Release | *Symphony in J Minor* | ARIA Awards 2019
- NOMINEE** Comedy Program or Series Production of the Year | *Sammy J* | Screen Producers Australia 2018
- NOMINEE** Best Comedy Performer | Helpmann Awards 2017
- NOMINEE** Barry Award for Most Outstanding Show | Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2017
- WINNER** Best Comedy Weekly Award | Adelaide Fringe 2017
- WINNER** Best Comedy | Melbourne Fringe Festival 2016
- NOMINEE** Comedy Program or Series Production of the Year | *Sammy J & Randy in Ricketts Lane* | Screen Producers Australia 2016
- NOMINEE** Best Television Comedy Series | *Sammy J & Randy in Ricketts Lane* | AACTA Awards 2015
- NOMINEE** Best Comedy Release | *Live* (with Randy) | ARIA Awards 2015
- WINNER** Best Sketch or Light Entertainment Writing | *Wednesday Night Fever* | AWGIE Awards 2014
- NOMINEE** Best Comedy Release | *Bin Night* (with Randy) | ARIA Awards 2013
- NOMINEE** Best Comedy | Adelaide Fringe 2013
- WINNER** Spirit of the Fringe Award | Jakarta Fringe Festival 2012
- NOMINEE** Best Comedy Release | *Skinny Man, Modern World* | ARIA Awards 2012
- WINNER** Barry Award for Most Outstanding Show (with Randy) | Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2010
- WINNER** The Age Critics' Award (with Randy) | Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2008
- NOMINEE** Barry Award for Most Outstanding Show (with Randy) | Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2008
- NOMINEE** Most Outstanding Show (with Randy) | Adelaide Fringe 2008
- WINNER** Brian McCarthy Moosehead Award (with Randy) | Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2008
- NOMINEE** Best Emerging Cabaret Artist | Green Room Awards 2007
- WINNER** Under Our Wing Award | Butterfly Club 2006
- WINNER** Best Newcomer | Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2006
- WINNER** Groggy Squirrel Subscriber's Choice Award | Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2006