

Samuel Johnson

Actor, Philanthropist, Author & Keynote Speaker

Samuel Johnson is a Gold Logie Award winning actor and a committed philanthropist, having established the high profile, successful charity Love My Sister, with his sister Connie, who sadly passed away from cancer in 2017.

Charming, witty and personable, Samuel's life story, with its extreme ups and downs, is one that truly demonstrates the power of a positive attitude, extraordinary resilience, and a big picture approach to life.



More about Samuel Johnson:

Samuel Johnson has always been in the lime light. When he was just 10 years old, he represented Australia as a Youth Ambassador at the Asian Pacific Children's Peace Convention.

Samuel became an actor as a teenager when he was cast in television programs including *Home and Away* as a love interest for Kate Ritchie's character, Sally. Most notably, he played the role of Evan Wylde in the TV series *The Secret Life of Us* for which he won the AFI award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Telefeature, and Molly Meldrum in Network Seven's recent ratings smash *Molly*. Over 3 million people watched *Molly* and Samuel won the AACTA Award for Best Lead Actor in a Television Drama for his role.

Other appearances include playing Leon Broznic in *Rush*, Toby Kirby in *After the Deluge* and Jack Smith in *Underbelly*. Proving his flexibility as a performer, Sam featured on *Thank God You're Here* and *The Panel* as well as the ABC documentary *The Sum of Sam*; documenting his personal struggles and work with Open Family Australia, a youth outreach program co-founded by South Melbourne parish priest Fr Bob Maguire. He won the Gold Logie for Most Popular Personality on Television of 2017.

But Samuel is now better known for his work outside the entertainment business. Some years ago, when his sister Connie was diagnosed with terminal breast cancer, he decided to do something about it. Samuel and Connie established the charity Love Your Sister and Samuel kicked off the

fund-raising effort with a unicycle ride around Australia, which raised \$1.75 million. Over \$7 million has been raised since, towards “cancer vanquishment”.

Samuel’s autobiography, *Love Your Sister* was nominated for Best Biography in 2016, alongside Julia Gillard and Molly Meldrum at the ABIA awards. His organisation Love Your Sister is GQ’s Social Force of the Year, Samuel is Research Australia’s Advocate of the Year and his efforts have been recognised with a Medal of the Order of Australia at Government House, a rare honour for someone his age. He was appointed the 2018 Victorian Australian of the Year. Year,

Samuel Johnson is one of our country’s most determined advocates and an inspirational keynote speaker who will uncover your audiences’ empathy and drive their motivation and action to seek change for the better.

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