

Sammy J

Comedian, Author, Composer & Entertainer

Sammy J is one of Australia's most surprising talents. Political, musical, a master wordsmith, and hilariously funny, his work has been recognised with multiple awards and award nominations.

Sammy is available to entertain at, or host, your next corporate or public event. He'll keep your event running smoothly with absolute professionalism, interview your special guests with incredible skill, and/or provide a comedy set that keeps your audience engaged and laughing.



More about Sammy J:

An award-winning comedian, author and musician, Sammy J kick-started his career when he abandoned his law degree to travel the world and sing funny songs for a living. You may have seen him on TV, at a festival, or as one half of the man/puppet duo *Sammy J & Randy*.

As a solo act, Sammy J won the Best Newcomer award at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. He has since performed in Edinburgh, Montreal, and every major Australian comedy festival. His album *Skinny Man, Modern World*, received an ARIA nomination for Best Comedy Release, and he gained a national following with his satirical take on the 2016 Federal Election, *Sammy J's Playground Politics*. His solo show, *Hero Complex*, won Best Comedy at the Melbourne Fringe Festival and was nominated for a Helpmann Award in 2017.

Collaborating with Heath McIvor, *Sammy J & Randy* received the Barry Award for Most Outstanding Show at the 2010 Melbourne Comedy Festival. Their acclaimed live shows have taken them from the Sydney Opera House to London's West End, and in 2015 they were handpicked by Neil Patrick Harris to appear in his Montreal Gala. 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 countless comedy songs for stage and screen, and scored the incidental music for *Ricketts Lane* and *Sammy J's Playground Politics*.

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, and his debut middle-grade novel, *The Long Class Goodnight*, was released in 2018.

Sammy J'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 continued in Melbourne in 2018. In 2019, Sammy's satirical sketches came to life in the hit show *Sammy J's Major Party* ran on ABC TV.

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.

Client testimonials

“ How do you prefer your comedy? Straight stand-up, musical, storytelling, lighthearted or heartfelt? Why not just have it all? Sammy J has something for everyone in his show.

- *Chortle, UK*

“ A beautiful show from an endlessly creative talent.

- *Time Out, London*

“ Sammy J's narratives are rich in imagery and wordplay, and his command of language and cadence is superb.

- *Sydney Morning Herald*

“ Whiplash smart and laugh out loud funny, he is already a Fringe legend.

- *The Herald, Edinburgh*

“ Gleefully raucous, meticulously crazy, charmingly revolting, aching funny.

- *Beat Magazine, Melbourne*

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