

# Tahir Bilgic

## *Australia's only Turkish stand-up comedian and MC*

Tahir is one of the funniest and busiest comedians around and, he claims, the country's only Turkish stand-up comedian. He took Sydney's stage by storm when he debuted in the 1995 Triple J Comedy Contest and won a final place. He went on to win 1st place at the famous Harold Park Hotel as Comic of the Year and he's never looked back.

Since then, he's become a familiar face on television with appearances on *The Footy Show*, *Rove Live*, *Thank God You're Here*, *Hey Hey It's Saturday*, *Laughing Stock*, *Recovery*, *Fox Comedy Channel* and the SBS documentary series, *Aussie Jokers*.

He has also performed his engaging style of comedy for corporate clients such as Qantas, Samsung, Audi Australia, Fisher & Paykel and Nestle, to name but a few.

Tahir has been involved in several highly successful screen productions. He is best known for his role as the loveable, hilarious drug-dealing Habib on the hit SBS comedy series *Fat Pizza*. In 2002, he played the same character in the 40-week sellout national tour of *Pizza Live on Stage*.

Tahir was a star in the hit movie *Fat Pizza* and played to sellout audiences in the show he wrote, directed and played in, *Habib on Parole*.

In 2003 Tahir appeared in the show, *Lord of the Kebabs*, a runaway success which eventually played to over 20,000 people in over 100 shows right around the country. His production *Lord of the Kebabs*, *the Fellowship of the Hommous*, an adaptation of *Habib on Parole*, also inspired sellout success at the Enmore in 2008.

Tahir hosted the smash hit comedy stand-up production *Show Us Your Roots* and appeared in *Hollywood Kebabs* and *Live and Circumcised*. In 2008, he staged his own show, *Tahir Unexplained*, which toured Sydney and Melbourne.

A seasoned comedian and entertainer, Tahir really has performed everywhere and worked with the who's who of the industry. He was the Qantas in-flight comedian for 12 months and performed overseas in New Caledonia where he was the Club Med comedian for two seasons.

Tahir has appeared at countless private and corporate function, sports nights, auctions and



Celebrity Theatresports. He's also in demand as an entertainer at weddings. He skillfully uses props, magic and music as well as performing straight stand-up.

## Client testimonials

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“ Outstanding ... comfortable and so quick with the audience.

- *Melbourne Age*

“ Top of his game ... finest stand up comedians in this country.

- *Adelaide Advertiser*

“ Quite simply the best stand up comedian we have ever had ... brilliant!

- *Canterbury BMW*

“ I am writing to say thank you for helping us secure Tahir as our MC and entertainment at our National Council dinner. He was absolutely sensational. The night was a great success, in large part due to Tahir. We couldn't have asked for a better person to be our MC/entertainment. He was great to work with and read the room perfectly. Tahir ensured things ran smoothly and most importantly made sure our guests had a great time. We had guests from all walks of life - workers, politicians, business people and academics - all say how good he was. Even the venue manager said Tahir was the best MC he'd ever seen at the venue. I cannot recommend him enough.

- *RTBU National Office*

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