

# Josh Thomas

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## *Comic talent, Gen Y television personality*

Josh Thomas is the incredibly funny, fast witted and extraordinarily cheeky comic that you would have seen as team captain on *Talkin' 'Bout Your Generation*.

His comedic rise to fame has been meteoric. At just 17 when he won the Melbourne International Comedy festival's RAW Comedy Competition in 2005, he became the youngest ever winner!

Then he made the finals of So You Think You're Funny, Edinburgh's equivalent to RAW Comedy - he thought he was king of the world!

His next gig was in a scary you-might-actually-die-when-they-stab-you style Tavern in front of 12 comics and a man sitting at the bar crying into his beer. However by that time there was nothing that could distract him from his journey as a comic performer.... and so his reputation has continued to grow as has his success - at an exponential rate.

In 2006, Josh performed in The Comedy Zone, a showcase of Australia's best new talent presented by the Melbourne Comedy Festival. He was critically regarded as the highlight of that show. As a result he was asked to perform at the annual Moosehead Award Benefit Night, in front of a 1500 strong crowd at the Melbourne Town Hall.

In 2007 Josh, picked up the gong for the Melbourne Airport Best Newcomer at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, for his first ever solo show, *Please Like Me*. This was followed by six weeks touring with the Comedy Festival Roadshow and an invitation to perform at the Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal in July.

In 2007 Josh built a reputation for wearing cardigans, however not wanting to be type cast he moved on to V-neck knitted sweaters in 2008.

That same year, he performed solo seasons at the Adelaide Fringe Festival and Melbourne International Comedy Festival as well as the invitation only festivals Smithwicks Cat Laughs Comedy Festival in Kilkenny, Ireland and the Geel Comedy Festival in Belgium.

Expanding his TV dance card, Josh appeared on *Rove Live* and became a regular favourite on Network Ten's *Good News Week*. He was then appointed as the captain of the gen y team on *Talkin' 'Bout My Generation*.



Josh ran Livewired, a comedy room in Brisbane's Powerhouse Centre for the Arts and curated the 2009 Brisbane Comedy Festival.

## Client testimonials

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“ The comedy festival's most junior player is also one of it's best... fiercely funny

- *The Age*

“ Energetic and original with a quirky sense of timing ... Josh left the audience in tatters

- *The Courier Mail*

“ The future of Australian comedy

- *Time Off Magazine*

“ The most successful is Josh Thomas... he's a standout

- *The Pun*

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