

Damian Callinan

Stand-up comic, actor, MC & After Dinner Speaker

Damian Callinan is a multi award-winning stand-up comic, actor and writer. Perhaps best known for roles in *Skithouse* and *Before The Game*, he is a talented MC who instantly connects with his audiences.

Damian Callinan is also a superb hoax character who successfully creates new characters and tailors existing ones to present after-dinner speeches with a difference that totally bluff your audience. He will happily pull out an alter ego to suit your needs - as an ex AFL country coach Troy Carrington, for example, Damian will ensure your audience takes away more than just another lanyard.

Damian Callinan is a touring machine. In 2015 alone he toured nationally with *The Merger* (SA & Vic) and *The Wine Bluffs* (SA & Vic) a collaboration with comedian Paul Calleja, which saw the pair sell out their Melbourne & Adelaide Fringe Festival season.

He toured *The Lost WWW1 Diary* (TAS, Vic, SA & WA) during & beyond the Gallipoli Anniversary, picking up a nomination for Best Comedy at Perth Fringe and earning a planetarium of five star reviews.

In 2016 Damian picked up a nomination for The West Australian Editor's Choice Award at Perth Fringe for *The Merger*, a show which also earned him his third nomination for the prestigious Barry Award at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. He was named by The Advertiser as one of the Picks of The Adelaide Fringe for the completely sold out season of *The Wine Bluffs*. His work *Swing Man* premiered at The Malthouse Theatre at the Melbourne Comedy Festival to big houses and critical acclaim and was picked up by RAV for national touring in 2017.

Other award winning shows include *Sportsman's Night* (Barry Nomination & Best Comedy Melbourne Fringe) *Spaznuts* (Piece Of Wood Comedians Choice Award at MICF) *Proxy Heroes* (Barry nomination) and his comedy dance show *The Cave the Rave* (ABN Amro Edinburgh Foreign Exchange Award).

Damian was one of the ensemble lead actors in the cult hit *Backyard Ashes* and appeared on ABC TV alongside Rhys Darby on *It's A Date*; *Sammy J & Randy*; *Ricketts Lane* and *The Dr Blake Mysteries*.



Client testimonials

“ Damian hosted the launch of our 2017 theatre season. Damian’s knowledge of the touring network along with his comedic and entertaining style brought each of the shows in our program to life, he was an audience favourite, with some patrons stating that he was the best MC Frankston Arts Centre has ever had at a launch.

- **Frankston City Council**

“ It was the perfect act for the bank's conference. You tailored your act to perfectly suit the theme of our night. The act went off without a hitch and was thoroughly enjoyed by both our community directors and staff alike. A fantastic night. Thanks.

- **Bendigo Bank State Conference**

“ On behalf of the convenor, Dr Bill Watkins and the organising committee of the Fertility Society Annual Conference, thank you for the wonderful performance at our dinner. Your show 'Spaznuts' could not have been more appropriate for our delegates and they enjoyed every moment. Your performance was, without doubt, one of the stand-outs of the conference and was discussed and re-lived in detail throughout the next day! We greatly appreciated the work you put onto 'personalise' the show to our delegates and the conference.

- **Fertility Society Annual Conference**

“ Just a quick note to let you know that the client thought Damian was superb. She really enjoyed his performance and has already received lots of positive feedback. She has sent out feedback forms to attendees of the conference and hopes to put together some written testimonials for Damian when she gets them all back just before Christmas. She said he was lovely to work with and really appreciates how he called her etc. Thank you for all your help once again and please pass on a big thanks to Damian.

- **Victoria University Staff Forum**

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