

Sam Simmons

Comedian / Writer / Broadcaster

Sam is one of the most daring and unconventional comics in Australia, completely original and vastly absurd, he has one foot firmly planted into the soils of reality, and the other rooted deep into the psyche of being silly.

Sam is a multi award winning cult figure within the Australian comedy scene. He has collected awards, glowing reviews, and played to sell out houses around the country with his solo shows from 2006 to 2011;

His 2006 solo show, *Tales of the Erotic Cat* picked up a prestigious nomination for the Barry Award for Most Outstanding Show in the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, 2008's *Where Can I Win A Bear Around Here?* won the much respected Festival Director's Choice Award, and in 2010 Sam picked up the Piece Of Wood Award for his solo show, *Fail*, as well as the Golden Gibbo Award for *The Incident* which he performed with fellow comedian, David Quirk.

In 2011, Sam has already taken out the award for Best Comedy Show at the Adelaide Fringe Festival, been nominated for a Barry Award for his Australian solo show, *The Precise History of Things* and nominated for Edinburgh's top Fosters Comedy Award (the comedy equivalent of an Oscar) for his 2011 offering there, *Meanwhile*.

“★★★★★” The Age 2007

Joyous on the radiowaves, Sam has made Triple J his own. 2008/09 saw him at the helm of the Weekend Breakfast Show as well as weekday Breakfast and Drive Shows and he is still now a regular contributor across the station.

Spreading further into the ABC, Sam was also a regular on JTV as a host, creating his own sketches and interviewing the latest bands.

In 2008 Sam filmed an interstitial comedy series for the ABC, *The Urban Monkey with Murray Foote*, which screened in 2009. In that same year, he made his debut at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival with his solo show 'Problems', which led to his return to Edinburgh in 2010 and 2011.

In 2011 Sam's first stand-up DVD was released of his hit 2010 show *Fail* through Madman Entertainment as part of the Warehouse Comedy Festival and a half hour special of this release was broadcast on ABC TV. Alongside his comedy, Sam has worked within animal enrichment at the Melbourne Zoo with elephants, seals, reptiles and small native mammals.

Quite simply there is no one else quite like him in the comedy world. Sam is the comic other comedians go to see.

“★★★★★ **Sam Simmons' show is a comedy masterpiece**”
The Scotsman



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“★★★★★ Welcome to the most absurdly crazy world orbiting the Fringe, featuring some of the most original comic concepts and laugh out loud moments of any Edinburgh show in the past 20 years”
The Herald, UK

“★★★★★ Simmons is a wide-eyed, frantically energetic stage presence. 'Problems' made me want to leap to my feet and scream "Genius!" in an outrageous French accent”
Three Weeks, UK

“★★★★★ When held against the rules of comedy super stardom, Simmons is a lawless gent indeed. Through laughter he will seduce you into his dinky, intimate underside... If you're looking for the best of the truly transgressive fest, Erotic Cat should be on your hit list.”
The Age

“★★★★★...it's a cult in the making”
Scotland On Sunday

“Here is one of those rare surreal comedians who doesn't tell jokes and rely on observational humour. He's just out there, in Sam Simmons land, a place so weird and wonderful he's just bursting (in a nerdy bespectacled kind of way) to share it with the rest of us... check your sanity at the door and just laugh yourself silly.”

The Adelaide Advertiser

Live Shows

- 2011 *Meanwhile* – Solo Show
Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Soho Theatre (London)
- 2011 *The Precise History of Things* – Solo Show
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Factory Theatre (Sydney), The Astor Theatre (Perth)
- 2011 *Fail* – Solo Show
Soho Theatre, London
- 2010 *Fail* – Solo Show
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Sydney Fringe Festival, The Astor Theatre (WA)
- 2010 *The Incident* – with David Quirk – Moosehead Recipient Show
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- 2009 *Problems* – Solo Show
Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- 2009 *Sam Simmons In The Net Starring Sandra Bullock* – Solo Show
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Melbourne Fringe Festival
- 2009 *The Sam Simmons Experience* – Solo Show
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival
- 2008 *The Sam Simmons Experience* – Solo Show
The Spiegeltent, Sydney Opera House
- 2008 *Where Can I Win a Bear Around Here?* – Solo Show
Melbourne International Comedy Festival

2007	<i>The Sex & Science of Boredom – Solo Show</i> Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2006	<i>Tales from the Erotic Cat – Solo Show</i> Adelaide Fringe Festival, Sydney Cracker Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2006	<i>The Sunshine Factory Part 2 – with Dave Callan</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival
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2004	<i>Heckle & Hyde The Murder Mystery – Solo Show</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2003	<i>The Steve Promise Story – Moosehead Recipient Show</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Television

2011	ABC TV	<i>Warehouse Comedy Festival, Sam Simmons in 'Fail' (Solo stand up comedy show)</i>
2011	Network Ten	<i>The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala (Stand Up)</i>
2011	ABC TV	<i>The Trophy Room (Guest)</i>
2010	Network Ten	<i>The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala (Stand Up)</i>
2009	Network Ten	<i>Rove (Stand Up)</i>
2009	Network Ten	<i>The 7PM Project -Metro Whip Around (Guest)</i>
2009	ABC TV	<i>The Urban Monkey With Murray Foote (Creator and Performer)</i>
2008 -09	ABC TV	<i>JTV (regular host & contributor)</i>
2008	Comedy Channel	<i>Stand Up! Australia (Stand Up Appearance)</i>
2007	ABC TV	<i>The Urban Monkey - Pilot</i>
2007	ABC TV	<i>The Sideshow (Stand Up Appearance)</i>
2007	ABC TV	<i>JTV (regular guest host & contributor)</i>
2006	Comedy Channel	<i>Stand Up! Australia (Stand Up Appearance)</i>
2006	Comedy Channel	<i>Stand Up! Australia (Stand Up Appearance x2)</i>
2005	Channel 7	<i>Comic Relief</i>
2004	ABC TV	<i>Stand Up</i>
2004	Comedy Channel	<i>On the Streets</i>
2003	ABC TV	<i>RAW Comedy National Finals</i>
2003	Comedy Channel	<i>On the Streets</i>

Radio

2009-12	Triple J	Various
2011	Triple J	24 Hour Radio Marathon (Host)
2008	Triple J	Weekend Breakfast Host
2008	Triple J	Breakfast Show (regular guest & contributor)
2008	Triple J	Drive Show (regular guest & contributor)

2007	Triple J	<i>"Stranger Danger"</i> Weekly Segment Drive Show with Robbie Buck
2007	Triple J	<i>The Tuck Shop</i> Regular Mid Dawn Shift (Host)
2006	Triple J	<i>"Stranger Danger"</i> Weekly Segment Drive Show with Robbie Buck
2005	Triple J	Regular Guest with Dave Callan
2005	Fox FM	<i>Better than Church</i> Regular Guest as "The Animal Guy"
2003 - 2004	Triple R	Breakfast Show "The Pinch" (Regular Guest)

Writing

2009	Rove	Regular Writer
2008	Triple J	Various programs
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2006	Network Ten	<i>Ronnie Johns Half Hour</i> Script Writer

Film & DVD

2011	Madman Entertainment	Warehouse Comedy Festival "Fail", Stand up DVD
2004	Shock Records	"Anyone's" Video
2002	BMG Records	"Something for Kate" Video

Other Notable Live Work

Writing, creating and starring in 6 commissioned webisodes for the Sydney Morning Herald, 2011

Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010 & 2011

Support for Dave Callan – Adelaide Comedy Festival 2005

"Late Night SpiegelClub" – SpiegelTent Summer Series Melbourne 2004 & 2005

Sam has also made various stand up appearances on campus and in pubs and clubs across Australia, including The Comedy Store in Sydney, Livewired in Brisbane and The Rhino Room in Adelaide.

Awards

2011	Nominee, Fosters Comedy Award, Edinburgh Fringe Festival
2011	Winner, Best Comedy Show, Adelaide Fringe Festival
2011	Nominee, Barry Award, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2010	Winner, Piece Of Wood Award, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2010	Winner, Golden Gibbo Award – Melbourne International Comedy Festival, with David Quirk for The Incident
2008	Winner Festival Directors' Choice Award – Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2006	Barry Award Nominee – Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2006	Best Comedy – Adelaide Fringe Festival Emerging Artist Award
2006	Best Comedy – Squirrel Grip Award Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2005	Golden Gibbo Award Nominee – Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2003	National Finalist in the Triple J RAW Comedy Competition

2003 Moosehead Award Recipient – Melbourne International Comedy
Festival

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