

Colin Lane

Comedian / Professional Show Off

Colin Lane is best known as the Lano from Lano and Woodley, Australia's most beloved comedy duo.

In almost 20 years together Lano & Woodley won the coveted Perrier Award for best show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, starred in their own television series and toured sold-out shows across the country. They said 'Goodbye' in 2006 with a national tour that took in 34 markets and sold more than 125,000 tickets.

Since the farewell tour, Colin has appeared in *Don's Party* for the Melbourne Theatre Company and the Sydney Theatre Company. He presented *Wine Me, Dine Me* and *Kings of Comedy* for the Nine Network and has made numerous appearances on *Spicks and Specks* for the ABC and Network Ten's *Good News Week*.

He has also appeared at the Adelaide Cabaret Festival in *Two For The Road: The Music of Movie Maestro Henri Mancini* and performed in Essgee Productions' *The Mikado* as *Pooh Bah* at QPAC.

In 2009, Colin returned to the stage with a part cabaret/part stand-up show at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival – his first solo show since Lano and Woodley parted ways. *I'm Not Sure About The Music* sold out fast and, coupled with the rave reviews he received, prompted a return season in 2010 at the same festival, delighting Melbourne audiences with his charming stage presence, rich singing voice and natural comedic timing. He returned again to the Melbourne International Comedy Festival with his live show *Colin Lane Presents* and *Colin Lane & Friends*.

In 2010 Colin became a regular guest co-host on Network Ten's *The Circle*, until its finale a few years later. In 2011 he won the role of new host of Network Ten's *Ready Steady Cook*. More recently, Colin has appeared in a guest role in the very popular ABC series, *The Dr Blake Mysteries*, Channel 7's *Slideshow* and has been a regular guest panellist on *Studio 10* and *The Project*.

In 2013, he was a guest panellist on the UK favourite *QI*, alongside Stephen Fry and Alan Davies, and has returned a number of times since – most recently on the new-look, Sandi Toksvig version of the hugely popular show.

2015 saw Colin return to the Melbourne International Comedy Festival – this time, teaming up with the hilarious David Collins from The Umbilical Brothers – to tackle Gilbert and Sullivan. Playing at the Spiegel tent outside the Arts Centre, *The 3 Mikados* was a refreshing new take for G & S fans with faithful renderings of some of the more popular songs and a completely ridiculous hour of feel-good nonsense for the uninitiated.

In 2016, Colin reunited with Frank Woodley as part of the 30th Birthday Bash for the MICF. Working with Red Stitch under director Nadia Tass, and The Production Company, Colin starred in a new Hannie Rayson play *Extinction*, and the musical comedy whodunnit *Curtains*. He also teamed up with his friend of 25 years, opera singer David Hobson, to sing, dance and even tell some jokes in a unique and hilarious experiment that entertains and beguiles in a whole new way. *In Tails* has so far been performed at the Adelaide Cabaret Festival, the Festival of Voices and beyond.

"so funny, I cried" ★★★★★ - The Age

"moments of brilliance that see it soar" ★★★★★ - Sunday Herald Sun



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Television

2016	Channel 9	Postcards (guest)
2016	BBC 2 (UK)	QI (guest panellist)
	Comedy Channel	MICF Three Oh! (as Lano & Woodley)
	Nine Network	20 to 1 (guest)
2015	ABC TV	Utopia 2 (guest role)
2014	BBC (UK)	QI (guest panellist)
2013	Network TEN	Studio 10 (guest panellist)
	Network TEN	The Project (Guest panellist)
	Network TEN	Wake Up (Guest panellist)
2013	Channel 7	The Hartman Solutions (pilot)
2013	ABC TV	The Dr Blake Mysteries (guest role)
2013	BBC (UK)	QI (guest panellist)
2013	Channel 7	Slideshow (Guest)
2011-2012	Network TEN	Ready Steady Cook (host)
2011	ABC TV	Judith Lucy Spiritual Journey (cast)
2010 - 2012	Network TEN	The Circle (regular co-host)
2008 - 2011	Network TEN	Good News Week (Regular Panellist)
2007 - 2011	ABC TV	Spicks and Specks (Regular)
2010	Comedy Channel	Statesmen of Comedy (guest)
2010	Channel 7	No Leave No Life (guest)
2010	Network TEN	Melbourne Comedy Festival Allstars Gala (Stand Up Appearance)
2010	Network TEN	The Circle (Guest Co-Host)
2009	ABC TV	Sleuth 101 (Cast)
2009	Nine Network	Hey Hey It's Saturday Reunion (Guest)
2009	Channel 7	Thank God You're Here (Contestant)
2009	Nine Network	2009 Victorian Bushfire Appeal (Guest)
2007	Nine Network	Wine Me Dine Me (Co-Host)
2007	Nine Network	Kings of Comedy (Host)

Film

2016	Magenius	Jingle Man (Short Film, Lead)
2015	Tropfest finalist	Tay Man (Short Film, Lead)
2013	Adrian Muscat Prod	Love Hurts (Short Film, Lead)

Radio

2007	ABC	774 ABC Afternoons (regular fill-in host)
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Live shows

2016	In Tails – with David Hobson Adelaide Cabaret Festival, Festival of Voices Colin Lane & Friends Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2015	The 3 Mikados Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2015	Colin Lane Presents 10 Days On The Island
2014	Colin Lane Presents Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2010	I'm Not Sure About The Music – Solo show

2009 Melbourne International Comedy Festival (Return Season)
I'm Not Sure About The Music – Solo show
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Darwin Festival,
Fremantle Arts Centre

Online

2014 – 2015 Cup of Tea with Col – YouTube chat show. Host/Producer.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJ6fj2tF-TE>

Other Notable Live Work and Theatre

2016 *Curtains* Dir. Roger Hodgeman, The Production Company
2016 *Extinction* by Hannie Rayson (World Premiere season)
Dir. Nadia Tass, Red Stitch/GPAC
2013 *Laugh Your Tits Off: Love Your Sister Fundraiser* (MC)
2013 *Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow*
Cairns, Townsville, Ballina, Noosa, Gold Coast
2010 *Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala* (performer)
Palais Theatre Melbourne
2010 *Eurobeat* (special guest role)
Queensland Performing Arts Centre
2009 *Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow*
Bunbury, Margaret River, Geraldton, Port Hedland, Karratha,
Esperance, Kalgoorlie, Perth, Singapore
2009 *Secret Bridesmaids' Business – Guest Groom*
The Arts Centre, Melbourne
2009 *The Melbourne International Comedy Festival All Stars Gala*
2009 *The Mikado*
QPAC – Brisbane, Adelaide Festival Centre
2008 *Two for the Road: The Music of Movie Maestro Henri*
Mancini
Adelaide Cabaret Festival, Adelaide Festival Centre
2007 *White Lines*
Tropfest Finalist
2008 *Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow*
Gladstone, Rockhampton, Cairns, Mt Isa, Brisbane,
Caloundra and Noosa
2006 *Don's Party*
Melbourne Theatre Company and Sydney Theatre Company

Live Shows – Lano and Woodley

2006 *Lano & Woodley Goodbye*
National Tour
2005 *Lano & Woodley Sing Songs*
Hi-Fi Bar - Melbourne, Brisbane Powerhouse, Octagon
Theatre – Perth, Newtown - Sydney, Governor Hindmarsh -
Adelaide, Sale – Victoria
2004 *The Island*
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe
Festival, Sydney Opera House 2005, Ten Days On The
Island Festival 2005
2002 *Glitzy*
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2001 *Bruiser*
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Victorian Regional
Tour, Adelaide Cabaret Festival, Sydney Opera House

- 2002, Perth Comedy Festival 2002, Adelaide Fringe Festival 2002. Victorian and South Australian Regional Tour 2003
- 2000 *Slick*
Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Victorian Suburban Tour
- 1999 *Lano & Woodley at The Continental*
Continental Café in Melbourne
- 1997 *Lano & Woodley Live*
Comedy Theatre - Melbourne, Seymour Centre - Sydney, His Majesty's Theatre - Perth
- 1995 *Curtains*
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Auckland Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Royal Festival Hall in London, Adelaide Fringe Festival 1996, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 1996, Wellington International Festival 1996, National Festival of Australian Theatre 1996
- 1993 *Fence*
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Festival of Sydney 1994, Adelaide Fringe Festival 1994, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 1994, Auckland Comedy Festival 1994, Edinburgh Fringe Festival 1994, British Festival of Visual Theatre 1994, Perrier Pick of the Fringe at the Lyric Theatre in London 1994, Cochrane Theatre in London 1994, Castlemaine Festival 1994, Athenaeum Theatre in Melbourne 1994, Sydney Opera House 1995, Festival of Perth 1995, National Festival of Australian Theatre 1996
- 1993 *The Last Laugh Christmas Show – Ensemble Show*
Last Laugh in Melbourne

Corporate

Various clients including P&O Cruises, Time Magazine, St. Kilda Film Festival, Australian Water Association, Stonnington City Council, City of Melbourne, Toyota, Coopers, Engineers Australia.

Awards

- 2006 Winner of Helpmann Award for Best Comedy for *Lano & Woodley: Goodbye*
- 1994 Winner of Perrier Pick of the Fringe Award for Best Show for *Lano & Woodley in Fence* at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival

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