

Frank Woodley

Comedian / Professional Show Off

After 20 years in the much loved, Perrier Award-winning duo Lano and Woodley, Frank said *Good Bye* to being one half of a double act in 2006 with a national tour that took in 34 markets and sold more than 125,000 tickets.

Since hanging up his hat, Frank has been busier than a bee (bees are allegedly flat out). His smash hit solo show *Possessed* played across Australia and the Edinburgh Festival with packed houses and rave reviews. In addition, his animated short, *Chicken of God*, received an AFI nomination and he won the coveted Herald Angel Award at the Edinburgh Fringe for his role of Candide in the Malthouse Theatre production of *Optimism*.

Frank was also a regular guest on ABC TV's music quiz show *Spicks and Specks* and Network TEN's *Good News Week* and an audience favourite on *Thank God You're Here*.

Australia's most visually compelling comedian was never far from the stage – doing live stand up in the unique song singing, limb flinging Woodley way. It was no surprise that Frank's 2010 solo tour, *Bewilderbeest*, quickly sold out around the country, firmly cementing him as once of one of Australia's most-loved comedians. In 2012, Frank was back on stage with his new show *Bemusement Park*.

2012 also saw the much-anticipated debut of *Woodley* on ABC TV. Created by, written, produced and starring Frank as the title character opposite Justine Clarke and newcomer Alexandra Cashmere, *Woodley* is a romantic comedy filled with virtuosic physical mayhem. It also resulted in Frank receiving an AACTA nomination for Best Performance in a Television Comedy.

Frank then premiered *Inside* - another new, daring stage show, this time alongside Simon Yates from acclaimed physical troupe, acrobat. This Kafkaesque piece put the two clowns in prison and premiered at the 2013 Sydney Festival before touring to Adelaide and Melbourne.

In 2014 Frank returned to his Woodley way with a new show, *Fool's Gold*, performing at Adelaide Fringe, Darwin Festival, Brisbane and Sydney Comedy Festivals, and of course the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. He also starred against type as the Dog Catcher in family film *Oddball*, stretched his musical legs in his collaboration with Harvest Rain (playing Sir Robin in Monty Python's *Spamalot* at QPAC) and as the Inspector in *Lemony Snicket's The Composer Is Dead* at the Sydney Opera House, the Melbourne Recital Centre, and the 2016 Adelaide Cabaret Festival.

Frank's recent exciting foray – into children's fiction – via Penguin Books hit the shelves in July 2015, with more to come. The first two books in the *Kizmet* series can be found in all good book stores around Australia.

2016 saw Frank tour not one, but TWO new shows – *Noodlenut* for the kids and *Extra Ordinary* for adults. Something for everyone who loves Woodley's special brand of nonsense-genius.

Frank returned to the stage in 2017 with his latest offering *I, Woodley* and continues to tour his kids show *Noodlenut*, including a run of shows at the Sydney Opera House in September.



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"you must leap out of your chair and sacrifice life and limb to buy a ticket" ★★★★★
Sunday Herald Sun, Melbourne

"one of our most naturally gifted comedians" ★★★★★
The Age, Melbourne

"Woodley has so cleverly matured into the most immature performer in Australian comic history"
Courier Mail, Brisbane

"he is undoubtedly one of the best physical comics in Australia." ★★★★★
The Advertiser, South Australia

"Comedy doesn't come much better than this. Seriously."
The Herald Sun, Melbourne

"As universal as it is timeless" The Guardian, UK

"A unique brand of larrikin absurdity that is never less than clever and frequently brilliant." Sydney Morning Herald

"Irresistible comedy that will have you giggling like a little kid. "
The Sunday Mail, Adelaide

"Endlessly inventive mirth-making" The Herald, Scotland

Live Shows – Solo

- 2017 I, Woodley
Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Wollongong, Sydney Comedy Festival
- 2016-17 Noodlenut (children's show)
Arts Centre Melbourne, Adelaide Fringe, Canberra Comedy Festival, Wagga Wagga, Awesome Kids Festival, Lismore, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2017, Cairns, Sydney Opera House
- 2016 Extra Ordinary
Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Canberra Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney & Perth Comedy Festivals
- 2014 Fool's Gold
Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Powerhouse, Ten Days on the Island, Perth International Comedy Festival, Darwin Festival.
- 2013 Inside – with Simon Yates
Sydney Festival, Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne Comedy Festival
- 2012 Bemusement Park
Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival
- 2010 Bewilderbeest
Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2008 Possessed
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Sydney Opera House, Brisbane Powerhouse, Regal Theatre - Perth, Assembly Rooms (Music Hall) - Edinburgh Fringe.

- 2005, 2007 *Frank Woodley Live*
Sydney Comedy Store
- 2003 *The Happy Dickwit*
Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Writing

- 2015 Kizmet and the case of The Tassie Tiger (Author + Illustrator)
Published by Penguin Books
- 2015 Kizmet and the case of The Smashed Violin (Author + Illustrator)
Published by Penguin Books

Other Notable Live Work

- 2015 - 16 *The Composer Is Dead!* By Lemony Snicket,
Julia Holt/Melbourne Recital Centre, Riverside Parramatta & Sydney
Opera House, Adelaide Cabaret Festival.
- 2014 *Spamalot* (Sir Robin), Dir: Tim O'Connor, Harvest Rain/QPAC
Brisbane.
- 2014 *The Composer Is Dead!* By Lemony Snicket, with the Sydney Youth
Orchestra, Dir: Craig Illott,
Sydney Opera House.
- 2013 *Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow*
Hong Kong, Singapore
- 2009-10 *Optimism* – Directed by Michael Kantor.
Malthouse Theatre, Melbourne, Edinburgh International Festival,
Sydney Opera House, Sydney Festival
- 2007 *Complete Works of William Shakespeare* (abridged)
Cremorne Theatre, QPAC - Brisbane, Regal Theatre

Television

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| 2017 | ABC TV | <i>Melbourne International Comedy Festival Oxfam Gala</i>
(Comedy Spot) |
| 2014, 2015 | Network Ten | The Project (Guest at the Desk) |
| 2014 | Network Ten | Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala
(Stand Up) |
| 2005-11, 2014 | ABC TV | <i>Spicks and Specks</i> (Regular Guest) |
| 2013 | ABC TV | Tractor Monkeys (guest) |
| 2013 | ABC TV | Slideshow (guest) |
| 2012 | ABC TV | <i>Woodley</i>
(Writer, Producer and Lead) |
| 2011 | ABC TV | <i>Judith Lucy's Spiritual Journey</i>
(Interviewee) |
| 2011 | ABC TV | <i>Adam Hills in Gordon St Tonight</i>
(Guest) |
| 2010 | Network TEN | <i>Talkin' Bout Your Generation</i> |
| 2010, 2014 | Network TEN | <i>MICF Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance) |
| 2008-10 | Network TEN | <i>Good News Week</i> (Regular) |
| 2009 | Nine Network | <i>Hey Hey It's Saturday</i>
<i>Reunion Special</i> (Guest) |
| 2006-9 | Network TEN | <i>Thank God You're Here</i> (Guest x 6) |

Live Shows – Lano and Woodley

- 2006 *Lano & Woodley Good Bye*
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

Awards

- 2016 Winner Adelaide Fringe Weekly Award for Best Children's Show
- 2012 Nominated for AACTA Award for Best Performance in a Television Comedy
- 2009 Winner of Herald Angel Award for his role in Optimism while playing at The Edinburgh Arts Festival
- 2009 Nominee for AFI Award for Best Short Animation for *Chicken of God*
- 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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