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# JOSH THOMAS

## STAND UP COMEDIAN, ACTOR, WRITER, PRODUCER

After making his mark as an award-winning and hugely-successful stand up comedian and television panellist, Josh Thomas turned his hand to writing, acting and co-executive producing his own television show, inspired by his life and his comedy, called *Please Like Me*.

Premiering in Australia in 2013, *Please Like Me*, with its uniquely honest blend of comedy and drama, gained massive critical praise, with The Weekend Australian declaring Josh "really is quite a singular talent and may just turn into one of our great TV stars." When Participant Media in the US chose to launch its brand new Pivot television network with *Please Like Me* and to co-commission a second season with ABC TV, Josh was on his way to being an international success story.

He has been awarded by the Australian Academy (AACTA) and the Australian Writers Guild for his writing for *Please Like Me*, and has been nominated for AACTA and Logie Awards for his performances in the show. In addition, the show itself has won Best Comedy at the AACTA Awards and been nominated as Best Comedy at the International Emmy Awards, Rose d'Or Awards, GLAAD Media Awards and Logie Awards. The show has gained critical acclaim across the globe, and has been named as one of the best TV shows of year by Entertainment Weekly, The New Yorker, Time, The A.V. Club and the Los Angeles Times.

Following on from the show's success in both Australia and the US, *Please Like Me* has also been licensed to air in Germany, France, Sweden, Canada, Finland and Israel.

Season three, which aired at the end of 2015, saw Josh add another string to his bow making his directorial debut with Episode Four "Natural Spring Water".

Josh has a dumb accent. He knows he has a dumb accent. There is probably no need to bring it up.

### About Please Like Me...

"It's invigorating to watch a show this in control. Every episode has been laugh-out-loud funny and movingly honest - not just confessional or trenchant but true in ways that make you realize you've never seen that on TV before..." **AV Club**

".. delivers laughs, pathos and insight... The more this series unfolds, the better it gets... More please." **TV Tonight**

"..genuine laugh-out-loud moments and engrossing drama..." **TV Week**

"..very clever coming-of-age comedy...He really is quite a singular talent and may just turn into one of our great TV stars." **The Weekend Australian**

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"Wry, original, and sublimely awkward..." **Sunday Mail**

"..genuine laughs...nice insights...not just funny, it has real heart and real interest in its characters..." **The Sunday Age**

"..breaking new ground ... it's really funny without being sitcommy ... I basically am completely in love with this show." **The Guide, smh.com.au**

**About Josh's live shows...**

*"Slightly confessional, brilliantly personal and so very sharply observed."* **Daily Telegraph**

*"Compellingly honest, relentlessly entertaining."* **The Age**

*"Brave, funny and thoroughly entertaining."* **Sunday Telegraph**

*"Yes, Josh World is a very funny world indeed."* **West Australian**

**Television**

2015	Pivot TV (USA) ABC TV	<i>Please Like Me Series 3</i> (Writer, Producer, Actor, Director)
2015	ABC TV	<i>Dirty Laundry Live</i> (Guest)
2014	Pivot TV (USA) ABC 2	<i>Please Like Me Series 2</i> (Writer, Producer, Actor)
2014	Pivot TV (USA)	<i>Take Part Live</i> (Guest)
2014	ABC TV	Q&A (Guest)
2014	Network Ten	<i>The Project</i> (Guest)
2014	ABC 2	<i>Dirty Laundry Live</i> (Guest)
2013	Pivot TV (USA)	<i>Please Like Me</i> (Writer, Producer, Actor)
2013	Pivot TV (USA)	<i>Take Part Live</i> (Guest)
2013	ABC 2	<i>Please Like Me</i> (Writer, Producer, Performer)
2013	Network Ten	<i>This Week Live</i> (Guest)
2013	Network Ten	<i>Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Comedy Spot)
2013	ABC 2	<i>Dirty Laundry Live</i> (Guest)
2013	ABC TV	<i>Adam Hills Tonight</i> (Guest)
2013	ABC TV	Q & A (Guest)
2013	Network Ten	<i>The Living Room</i> (Guest)
2012	Foxtel, Lifestyle	<i>Celebrity Come Dine With Me</i> (Contestant)
2009-12	Network Ten	<i>Talkin' 'bout Your Generation</i> (Team Captain)
2011	ABC TV	<i>Q and A</i> (Panel Guest)

2011	ABC TV	<i>Josh Thomas, Surprise</i> , 30min stand up special on DVD release
2011	Network Ten	<i>Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Host)
2010-11	Network Ten	<i>Good News Week</i> (Regular Guest)
2009-10	Network Ten	<i>The 7PM Project</i> (Regular Guest)
2010	Network Ten	<i>Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Spot)
2010	Comedy Channel	<i>A Night At the Festival Club</i> (Host),
2009	Network Ten	<i>Celebrity Masterchef</i> (Contestant)
2009	Network Ten	<i>Good News Week</i> (Contestant)
2009	Network Ten	<i>Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Spot)
2009	Network Ten	<i>Ready, Steady, Cook</i> (Contestant)
2008	Network Ten	<i>Rove</i> (Stand up Appearance)
2008	Network Ten	<i>Good News Week</i> (4x Guest Appearances)
2008	Comedy Channel	<i>Melbourne International Comedy Festival – Festival Club Special</i> (Stand Up Spot)
2007	ABC	<i>The SideShow</i> (2x Stand Up Appearances)
2007	Comedy Channel	<i>Stand Up! Australia</i> (StandUp Appearance)

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## Live Shows

2013	<i>Douchebag – Solo Show</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Store, Illawarra IPAC, Perth Octagon.
2011	<i>Everything Ever – Solo Show</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Sydney Theatre, Canberra Theatre Centre, Astor Theatre (Perth), Gold Coast, Nambour, Noosa, Cairns, Townsville, Newcastle, Wollongong, Albury.
2010	<i>Surprise – Solo Show</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Octagon Theatre, Newcastle Civic Centre, Canberra theatre, Sydney Opera House
2010	<i>Lets Learn Some S*** - Live Panel Show</i> Melbourne, Chapel Off Chapel
2009	<i>Things That I Have Said Before – Solo Show</i> Melbourne Fringe Festival, The Sydney Comedy Store, Octagon Theatre
2009	<i>More Josh Than You Can Handle! – Solo Show</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival
2008	<i>Josh Thomas &amp; the Adventures of the World's Greatest Love Machine – Solo Show</i> Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2007	<i>Please Like Me – Solo Show</i>

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Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Powerhouse,  
Wild West Comedy Festival  
2006 *The Comedy Zone*  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival

**Recordings**

2014	Universal	<i>Please Like Me Series Two</i> (DVD)
2013	Universal	<i>Please Like Me Series One</i> (DVD)
2011	Madman	<i>Surprise</i> (Stand-up DVD)
	Entertainment	
2009	iTunes/ Audio CD	<i>Things I've Said Before</i> (Stand-up)

**Writing**

2011	The Age	Guest Columnist
2008	Network Ten	<i>Rove</i> (Contributing Writer)
2008 – 2009	Girlfriend Magazine	Regular Columnist

**Other Notable Live Work**

Montreal Just for Laughs Festival 2007 & 2013  
Geel Comedy Festival, Geel, Belgium, 2008  
Smithwicks Cat Laughs Comedy Festival, Kilkenny, Ireland 2008  
Brian McCarthy Memorial Moosehead Award Benefit Night 2007  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow 2007 & 2008

**Please Like Me: Awards**

2015 WINNER: Screen Producers Australia Awards, Best Comedy Television Production – Please Like Me Season 2  
2015 NOMINEE: 26<sup>th</sup> Annual GLAAD Media Award, Outstanding Comedy Series – Please Like Me.  
2014 NOMINEE: International Emmy Awards, Comedy category  
2014 WINNER: AACTA Awards, Best Screenplay in Television  
2014 NOMINEE: AACTA Awards, Best Television Comedy Series  
2014 NOMINEE: AACTA Awards, Best Direction in a Television Drama or Comedy  
2014 NOMINEE: AACTA Awards, Best Sound in Television  
2014 NOMINEE: Rose D'or Award for Best Sitcom  
2014 WINNER: Australian Directors Guild Awards, Best Direction in a TV Comedy – Matthew Saville, Please Like Me Series 1 Episode 3 'Portuguese Custard Tarts'  
2014 NOMINEE: TV Week Logie Awards, Outstanding Light Entertainment Program – Please Like Me.  
2014 NOMINEE: 25<sup>th</sup> Annual GLAAD Media Award, Outstanding Comedy Series – Please Like Me.  
2013 WINNER (tied): AWGIE Award, Comedy: Situation or Narrative – Please Like Me: Josh Thomas, Liz Doran and Thomas Ward.  
2013 NOMINEE: AACTA Awards, Josh Thomas for Best Performance in a Television Comedy, Please Like Me  
2013 NOMINEE - AACTA Awards, Best Direction in a Television Drama or Comedy  
2013 WINNER (tied): TV Tonight Awards, Best Aussie Comedy – Please Like Me

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- 2013 NOMINEE: AACTA Awards, Best Performance in a Television Comedy
- 2011 NOMINEE: Best Comedy Release, ARIA Awards
- 2010 WINNER: GQ, Comedian of the Year Award
- 2010 NOMINEE: Barry Award for Most Outstanding Show, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2010 NOMINEE: TV Week Logies Awards, – Most Popular New Male Talent
- 2010 WINNER: TV Week Logies Awards, Most Popular Light Entertainment Program, Talkin' 'bout your Generation
- 2010 WINNER: TV Week Logies Awards, Most Outstanding Light Entertainment Program, Talkin' 'bout your Generation
- 2007 WINNER: Best Newcomer Award – Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2005 WINNER: RAW Comedy – Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2005 FINALIST: “So You Think You’re Funny” – Edinburgh Fringe Festival

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