

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 'Good Bye' in 2006 with a national tour that took in 34 markets and sold more than 125,000 tickets.

Since the farewell tour, Colin has become a mainstay of the Australian theatre, appearing in productions such as *Don's Party*, *Two For The Road: The Music of Movie Maestro Henri Mancini and The Mikado*. He has also presented numerous TV programs including *Wine Me, Dine Me* and *Kings of Comedy* for the Nine Network, *The Circle* and *Ready Steady Cook* on Network Ten and has made numerous TV appearances on *Spicks and Specks* for the ABC, Channel 7's *Slideshow* and Network Ten's *Good News Week*.

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 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 in 2017 on the new-look, Sandi Toksvig-hosted version of the hugely popular show.

Colin returned to the Melbourne International Comedy Festival in 2015 – this time, teaming up with the hilarious David Collins from The Umbilical Brothers – to tackle Gilbert and Sullivan. Playing at the Arts Centre Spiegeltent, *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.

Colin reunited with Frank Woodley as part of the 30th Birthday Bash for the MICF in 2016. 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.

In 2017, Colin headed to Queensland to star as Joh Bjelke-Petersen in a brand new musical *Joh for PM* which centres around the life and politics of the divisive state Premier.

"so funny, I cried" ★★★★★ - The Age

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



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Television

2017	Channel 9	<i>True Story With Hamish & Andy</i> (Guest)
2017	ABC TV/iView	<i>Wrong Kind of Black</i> (guest)
2016-17	BBC 2 (UK)	<i>QI</i> (guest panellist)
2016	Channel 9	<i>Postcards</i> (guest)
2016	Comedy Channel	<i>MICF Three Oh!</i> (as Lano & Woodley)
2016	Nine Network	<i>20 to 1</i> (guest)
2015	ABC TV	<i>Utopia 2</i> (guest role)
2014	BBC (UK)	<i>QI</i> (guest panellist)
2013	Network TEN	<i>Studio 10</i> (guest panellist)
	Network TEN	<i>The Project</i> (Guest panellist)
	Network TEN	<i>Wake Up</i> (Guest panellist)
2013	Channel 7	<i>The Hartman Solutions</i> (pilot)
2013	ABC TV	<i>The Dr Blake Mysteries</i> (guest role)
2013	BBC (UK)	<i>QI</i> (guest panellist)
2013	Channel 7	<i>Slideshow</i> (Guest)
2011-2012	Network TEN	<i>Ready Steady Cook</i> (host)
2011	ABC TV	<i>Judith Lucy Spiritual Journey</i> (cast)
2010 - 2012	Network TEN	<i>The Circle</i> (regular co-host)
2008 - 2011	Network TEN	<i>Good News Week</i> (Regular Panellist)
2007 - 2011	ABC TV	<i>Spicks and Specks</i> (Regular)
2010	Comedy Channel	<i>Statesmen of Comedy</i> (guest)
2010	Channel 7	<i>No Leave No Life</i> (guest)
2010	Network TEN	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Allstars</i> <i>Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2010	Network TEN	<i>The Circle</i> (Guest Co-Host)
2009	ABC TV	<i>Sleuth 101</i> (Cast)
2009	Nine Network	<i>Hey Hey It's Saturday Reunion</i> (Guest)
2009	Channel 7	<i>Thank God You're Here</i> (Contestant)
2009	Nine Network	<i>2009 Victorian Bushfire Appeal</i> (Guest)
2007	Nine Network	<i>Wine Me Dine Me</i> (Co-Host)
2007	Nine Network	<i>Kings of Comedy</i> (Host)

Film

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

Radio

2007	ABC	<i>774 ABC Afternoons</i> (regular fill-in host)
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Live shows

2017	<i>Joh for PM</i> Brisbane Powerhouse, Jute Theatre Cairns
2017	<i>The 3 Mikados</i> Adelaide Cabaret Festival
2016-17	<i>In Tails – with David Hobson</i> Adelaide Cabaret Festival, Festival of Voices, Albury, Bendigo, Ten Days On The Island Hobart
2016	<i>Colin Lane & Friends</i> 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*
Melbourne International Comedy Festival (Return Season)
- 2009 *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 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

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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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