

## Justin Hamilton

### Writer and Stand-Up Comedian

After twenty-plus years in the industry, Justin Hamilton has carved out an incredibly successful career as a stand-up comedian and as a writer and director.

Justin started his career back in 1994 as part of the musical comedy duo “The Bunta Boys”, who over their five year career toured Australia and supported Alexei Sayle, The Doug Anthony All-Stars, Judith Lucy, Sue Anne Post and the Clowns of Decadence.

Over the course of the last 15 years, Justin has won awards for his solo stand up comedy shows including the Director’s Award at the Melbourne Comedy Festival for his show “Three Colours Hammo” (which also won the Advertiser best show at the Adelaide Fringe). In 2009 he wrote the play “Goodbye Ruby Tuesday” which starred actor Hannah Norris, with Justin in a supporting role. His one-man play “The Goodbye Guy” (2012) was met with unanimous praise and good reviews.

Justin is also the producer, curator and host of comedy variety show The Shelf. Alongside his friend the fabulous Adam Richard, they have hosted some of the best comedians from Australia and abroad including Wil Anderson, Rove McManus, Tony Martin, Glenn Robbins, Celia Pacquola, Cal Wilson, Dave Hughes and Andy Zaltzman.

In 2013 Justin starred in and was a co-producer on the Comedy Channel TV show “Stand Ups Sit Down”, a show that was inspired and spun out of his incredibly successful podcast, “Can You Take This Photo Please?” The podcast is listened to all over the world and the one-off special for the Comedy Channel saw Justin host with guests Wil Anderson and Rove McManus. Justin has interviewed Simon Pegg, Marc Maron, Judith Lucy, Tony Martin and US comedian Dave Anthony, and also worked on a movie podcast with Peter Helliar entitled, “Helliar and Hammo Dig Flicks!” where they have interviewed Steve Carrell, Joel Edgerton, Morgan Spurlock, Stephen Curry and “Red Dog” director Kriv Stenders.

Justin has also worked extensively in radio, most recently as a key writer for Rove’s 2DayFM breakfast show *Rove & Sam*. For ten years he was also the TV and movie reviewer for Perth’s number one rated Mix FM, and a regular guest on Merrick Watts’ Triple M Drive show in Sydney.

He is also the head writer and regularly appears on *Whovians*, an ABC panel show hosted by Rove McManus that dissects and discusses the latest episodes of cult BBC show *Doctor Who*.

Justin still finds the time to be one of Australia’s premier stand up comedians. In 2016 he performed two brand new shows *Hoot* and *Justin Hamilton – LIVE!*, as well as performing at Just For Laughs Sydney. Justin’s 2017 show ‘Bunta Boy’ was a celebration and reflection on the beginning of his comedy career, which was launched as part of a duo bearing the same name.

In late 2017, Justin and Rove launched a new live show at the inaugural YACK festival, *The Popular Experiment* - a talk show combining interviews, stand up



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and performances. At the same festival Justin wrote, directed and starred in the premiere of a new play *Three Dances for John Tilt Animus*, featuring performances by Fran Middleton and Ben Ellwood. He is currently writing and producing on Network Ten's newest quiz, *Show Me The Movie!*

In 2011, The Arts Monthly announced that Justin was the *Comedian of the Decade*. To that end, Tim Ferguson wrote: "Hamilton's shows eschew traditional structures and standard subject matter. His work consistently challenges his audiences, asking important questions about history, truth, death and identity. It reveals a razor-sharp intellect and fearless questing heart. His humour is dangerous, offering perspectives that can be frightening in scope and intent."

***"Hamilton resists the easy laugh lines that are the staple of stand-up and that are instantly forgotten. Instead, the show is memorably, blisteringly funny, and poignant at times."***

The Australian, Penny Durham

***"★★★★★ An unforgettable performance... his jokes are intelligent, witty and very entertaining. You should not miss this. Absolute stand out."***

Adelaide Advertiser

***"It's an intelligent, crafted work from a man whose deft use of stage and microphone create a multi-layered experience with an array of colourful characters"***

The Herald Sun

***"A fluent and unique delivery coupled with delicate material makes this a special hour"***

The Age

## LIVE SHOWS

- 2017      **Three Dances for John Tilt Animus – Play**  
YACK Festival – Giant Dwarf
- 2017      **Bunta Boy - Solo Show**  
Perth Fringe Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival
- 2016      **Justin Hamilton – LIVE! – Solo Show**  
Comedy Store, Sydney
- 2016      **HOOT – Solo Show**  
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Perth Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival
- 2015      **Snacks – Solo Show**  
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Perth Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival
- 2014      **Johnny Loves Mary Forever 1994 – Solo Show**  
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- 2013      **Justin Hamilton – Solo Show**  
Perth International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Store
- 2012      **The Goodbye Guy – Solo Show**  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival,
- 2011      **Circular – Solo Show**

- 2010 Melbourne International Comedy Festival,  
Idiot Man Child – Solo Show  
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival,  
Sydney Comedy Festival
- 2009 Bullets Over Fitzroy: Three Colours Hammo Coda – Solo Show  
One off performance, Willow Bar
- 2009 Alive and Well But Only In Theory – Solo Show  
Sydney Comedy Festival, QPAC 'In Stitches' Comedy Festival
- 2009 Goodbye Ruby Tuesday – with Hannah Norris  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2008 The Killing Joke – Solo Show  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2008 Three Colours Hammo – Solo Show  
Hong Kong Fringe Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Cracker  
Festival (Sydney)
- 2007 Three Colours Hammo – Solo Show  
Melbourne Comedy Festival, Brisbane Powerhouse
- 2007 Justin Hamilton – Solo Show  
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Hobart Comedy Festival
- 2006 Justin Hamilton: Smash! – Solo Show  
Adelaide Fringe; Melbourne Comedy Festival, Hobart Comedy  
Festival
- 2005 Oh Father, Where, Art Thou?  
Adelaide Comedy Festival, Melbourne Comedy Festival, Hobart  
Comedy Festival
- 2004 Purple Cows  
Melbourne Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe, Dunedin Fringe  
Festival (NZ)
- 2004 Late Night with Lehmo and J  
Adelaide Fringe
- 2003 Justin Sane  
Melbourne Comedy Festival
- 2002 Father, Can You Spare a Dime?  
Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne Fringe
- 2001 The Indescribables (with Mikey D)  
Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- 2000 Screw You Misery, I'm the Karaoke Guy  
Adelaide Fringe

## RADIO

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|-----------|-------------------------|---|
| 2016-17   | Triple M (National)     | Drive with Merrick Watts<br>(Guest Co-host)                                 |
| 2015-17   | 2DayFM (Syd)            | Breakfast with Rove & Sam<br>(Writer/Creative Producer)                     |
| 2014-17   | Mix 94.5fm (Perth)      | The Bunch – Drive Show<br>(Weekly TV and Movie Reviewer)                    |
| 2008-2013 | Mix 94.5fm (Perth)      | The Breakfast Show<br>(Weekly TV and Movie Reviewer)                        |
| 2007-2009 | Triple M                | Toast Weekend Breakfast Show<br>(with Charlie Pickering & Terri<br>Psiakis) |
| 2009      | Radio Five<br>Live (UK) | Yes It's The Ashes – Topical Comedy<br>show with Andy Zaltzman (guest)      |

2007-2008	Triple M	Drive with Wil and Lehmo (Weekly Segment)
2008	Triple M	2 weeks Drive Show fill in, <i>Toast</i> (with Terri Psiakis & Charlie Pickering)
2008	Triple M	<i>The Shebang</i> (regular guest co-host)
2008	Triple M	Weekend Breakfast Show <i>Toast</i> (with Terri Psiakis & Charlie Pickering)
2006	Austereo Network	<i>Get This!</i> (Guest Co-Host with Tony Martin)
2003	Triple J	<i>Breakfast Show</i> (Guest Co-Host with Wil Anderson)
2003	Triple J	<i>Breakfast Show</i> (Guest co-host with Terri Psiakis)
2003	Triple J	<i>Five Hours of Flavour</i> (Host)
2003	Triple J	<i>Drive</i> (Weekly Segment "If I Ruled the World with Justin Hamilton)

## TELEVISION

2018	Network Ten	<i>Show Me The Movie!</i> (writer/producer)
2017	ABC TV	<i>Whovians Christmas Special</i> (Head writer and cast member)
2017	ABC TV	<i>Whovians</i> (Head writer and series regular)
2016	Comedy Channel	<i>Just for Laughs Stand Up Series</i> (Stand Up)
2015	ABC TV	<i>Dirty Laundry Live</i> (Panel Guest)
2014	Comedy Channel	<i>Just for Laughs at the Sydney Opera House</i> (Stand Up)
2014	ABC TV	<i>Dirty Laundry Live</i> (Panel Guest)
2013	Comedy Channel	Stand Ups Sit Down (Host)
2013	Comedy Channel	<i>Just For Laughs at the Sydney Opera House</i> (Stand Up)
2013	Network Ten	<i>This Week Live</i> (Guest)
2008-2010	Network Ten	<i>Good News Week</i> (Guest Panellist)
2008	Comedy Channel	<i>Melbourne International Comedy Festival – Festival Club Special</i> (Stand Up Spot)
2007	Network Ten	<i>Rove</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2007	ABC TV	<i>The Sideshow</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2007	Comedy Channel	<i>Stand Up! Australia</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2007	ABC TV	<i>Spicks &amp; Specks</i> (Guest Panellist)
2006	ABC TV	<i>The Glass House</i> (Guest Panellist)
2005	ABC TV	<i>The Glass House</i> (Guest Panellist)
2006	thecomedychannel	<i>Stand Up Australia</i> (x 2 Stand Up Appearances)
2004	ABC TV	<i>Stand Up</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2004	Network Ten	<i>Rove Live</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2004	Network Ten	<i>Before The Game</i> (Writer)
2003	thecomedychannel	<i>Hit and Run</i> (Guest)
2003	thecomedychannel	<i>Takeshi's Castle</i> (Guest)
2002	ABC TV	<i>The Glass House</i> (Guest Panellist)

## Television – Acting

2014	ABC TV	Upper Middle Bogan, Guest
2010	ABC TV	The Librarians, Season 3, Regular

## DIRECTING etc.

2016	Recipient (with Paul Horan) of a Malthouse Theatre Co.Lab Artist development residency.
2014	Geraldine Quinn "MDMA: Modern Day Maiden Aunt" Melbourne International Comedy Festival (4 Stars – The Age)
2013	Lessons With Luis "FAMOUCITY" Melbourne International Comedy Festival (5 Stars – Time Out)
2012	Tegan Higginbotham "Million Dollar Tegan" (Best Newcomer nomination, MICF)
2011	Comedy Zone Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2010	Tommy Dassalo "An Explosion of Colours", Melbourne International Comedy Festival (****)
2010	Nelly Thomas "I Coulda Been a Sailor", Melbourne International Comedy Festival (****)
2010	Halley Metcalf "Five Stars", Melbourne International Comedy Festival ("the delivery of a young Julia Morris..." The Age)
2009	Tommy Dassalo "Out At The Pictures", Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2007	The Comedy Zone Melbourne International Comedy Festival (Including Hannah Gadsby and Celia Pacquola)
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## OTHER NOTABLE LIVE WORK

2017-18	The Popular Experiment – Curator/Host/Performer – Giant Dwarf, Sydney
2017	The Dollop Live – Enmore Theatre, Sydney - Guest
2017	Wil Anderson – Fire at Wil – Sydney Opera House – Support Act
2016	Splendour In The Grass – Comedy Spot
2016	Just For Laughs Sydney – Stand Up Series – Comedy Spot
2015	Can You Take This Photo Please? LIVE – Curator/Producer/Host
2015	Wil Anderson – Wiluminati/Political Wil Support Act
2012–15	The Shelf – Curator/Producer/Host
2014	Melbourne International Comedy Festival - RAW Comedy, India
2013	Panel Moderator – The Creation Myth with Grant Morrison, Len Wein and Dave McKean at Sydney Opera House
2013	Perth International Comedy Festival Gala
2013	Forces Entertainment Tour – Entertaining the troops in Afghanistan
2012	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow
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2010	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow, Singapore
2009	Regular guest on the Watercooler Segment – 9am with David and Kim
2009	Wil Anderson – Wilosophy Support Act
2007	Wil Anderson – Wil of God Support Act, Sydney Opera House
2007	Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow
2006	Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow



2006	Wil Anderson – Wil Communication National Support Act
2005	Wil Anderson – Kill Wil National Tour Support Act
2005	Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow MC
2005	Rove Stands Up – Adelaide Support Act for Rove McManus’ National Tour, Thebarton Theatre
2004	Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow
2004	Tom Rhodes – Sydney Support Act for Tom Rhodes National Tour
2003	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow
2003	Falls Festival Comedy Stage
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## AWARDS

2011	The Arts Monthly "Comedian of the Decade"
2008	Nominated for the Barry Award for Most Outstanding Show Melbourne International Comedy Festival, for <i>The Killing Joke</i>
2008	Winner of the <i>Advertiser</i> Overall Fringe Award for <i>Three Colours Hammo</i>
2007	Festival Director’s Award Melbourne International Comedy Festival for <i>Three Colour Hammo</i>
2007	Brian McCarthy Moosehead Memorial Award Recipient for <i>Three Colours Hammo</i>
2003	Winner of the “Piece of Wood Award” (an award chosen by fellow comedians) in the Melbourne Comedy Festival for <i>Justin Sane</i>

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