

# Wil Anderson

## Comedian/Writer/Broadcaster/Presenter

Wil is a stand up first and foremost, touring Australia and the world at every opportunity, performing more than a hundred shows a year. His stand up is a densely written, high-speed ride through one of the most wonderful comedic imaginations in the world. Politics, pop and the banal come together in a Wil Anderson routine, always delivered with more conviction and enthusiasm than any man's vocal chords can take.

Since 2008 Wil has hosted ABC TV's highest rating program *The Gruen Transfer* series- a role that saw him nominated for a Gold Logie in 2010, and spawned spin offs, *Gruen Nation*, *Gruen Sweat* and *Gruen Planet*. In 2013, Gruen Nation did a 4 week special, looking in depth into the Australian Election Campaign.

After a year off in 2014, Gruen made a much anticipated return to our screens in the second half of 2015. The latest 2016 series of *Gruen* has been a smash hit, consistently being one of the most watched television programs in Australia and a critical success.

The last few years have really seen Wil return to focussing on his stand up. He has performed in every corner of the USA, as well as Canada, Ireland, Edinburgh, and in London's West End. In 2013, Wil was invited to perform at the Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal, performing alongside some of the world's best comedians. Whilst there, he hosted a television special for Channel 7, *Wil Does Montreal*, giving us behind the scenes access to this prestigious festival and some of its performers. He performed at this festival three years running.

In conjunction with his live work, Wil has discovered another love – podcasting. His very popular *TOFOP* Podcast, which he hosts with friend Charlie Clausen, has one of the highest download rates for a comedy podcast. The podcast is so successful, they have been invited to attend and participate in the invite only LA Podcast Festival. Wil has also started up a second podcast *Wilosophy* – where he gets interesting guests on the show to talk about their philosophy on life. Guests have included Adam Spencer, Dr Karl, Judith Lucy and Todd Sampson.

2014 was set to be the year to beat – after an epic year of live shows across the globe, Wil ended his tour with two sell-out shows in the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall where he received standing ovations each night, but then 2015 happened...

2015 marked Wil's 20<sup>th</sup> year at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, as well as winning his 5<sup>th</sup> People's Choice Award. So he celebrated by adding to his schedule and doing two shows. Only an idiot would attempt two brand-new shows in one festival, and Wil is just that idiot. It ran for three shows only, or as Wil liked to call it – Preview, Opening Night and Closing Night.

2016's live show *Fire At Wil* played at every major comedy festival in the country and received some of the best reviews Wil has ever had – which is saying something for one of the most critically acclaimed and popular comedians of our life time.

***“...dry, self-deprecating, politically incorrect and crude, there are not many areas of our society at which Wil Anderson is not willing to take a crack. And thank goodness, because in his hands pretty much everything has a funny side”***  
- Daily Telegraph

***“surprisingly heartfelt, regularly courageous and consistently funny...brilliant”***  
- The Age

***“superbly crass, irreverent, smart, manic, soulful and consistently hilarious”***  
- The Sun-Herald

***“A sharp and pacy torrent of jokes delivered with a skill that's worth savouring”***  
- The List, Edinburgh



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***“Like Adam Hills on speed, Australian comedian Wil Anderson’s news show is brilliant... an hour in his company flies by all too quickly” - The Stage, Edinburgh***

***“What a funny Aussie. Wil Anderson’s fast-paced routine is bursting with laughs and energy...there is enough material here to fill two hours making the one he has sprint by...a higher laugh-per-minute rate than anyone I have seen before... ‘Ando’ is a comic gem”***

*Three Weeks, Edinburgh*

***“If you ever have the chance, go and see Wil Anderson live. I could have sat there all night if laughing so hard didn’t hurt so much...”***  
*City News*

***“Anderson has a sharp brain, quick tongue and is up there with the best of them”-***  
*The Drum*

***”A sharp blend of idealism and cynicism. Fresh, energetic and articulate.”***  
*The Age, Melbourne*

***“Anderson is, without doubt, one of the nation’s finest comedic talents”***  
*Adelaide Advertiser*

***“Anderson is among the funniest comedians we have...”***  
*Sydney Morning Herald*

***“Anderson is the eternal naughty boy you can’t help liking”***  
*The Australian*

***“Wound up tighter than a spring and barely pausing for breath during his one-hour set, Wil Anderson is manic, likeable, passionate...”***  
*The Age, Melbourne*

***“A comic juggernaut of current affairs.”*** *Sydney Morning Herald*

***“An hour long spiel that is absolutely packed with jokes, wisecracks, good vibes and a certain amount of attitude”***  
*Adelaide Advertiser*



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**TELEVISION**

2015-16	ABC TV	<i>Gruen</i> (Host and Executive Producer)
2015	Comedy Channel	<i>JFL Australia</i> (Stand Up)
2015	Network TEN	<i>The Project</i> (Fill In Host)
2014	Channel 7	<i>Wil Does Montreal – JFL Gala Special</i> (host)
2014	Network TEN	<i>The Project</i> (Fill In Host)
2013	Foxtel	<i>Stand Ups, Sit Down – Pilot</i> (guest)
2013	Channel 7	<i>Wil Does Montreal – JFL Gala Special</i> (host)
2013	ABC	<i>Gruen Nation</i> (Host)
2013	Network TEN	<i>The Project</i> (Fill in Host)
2011-NOW	ABC TV	<i>Gruen Planet</i> (Host)
2012	ABCTV	<i>Gruen Sweat</i> (Host)
2012	Network TEN	<i>The Project</i> (Fill in Host)
2011-2012	Network TEN	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2011-2012	NZ TV3	<i>Seven Days</i> (regular panellist)
2008-2011	ABC TV	<i>The Gruen Transfer</i> (Host)
2011	ABC TV	<i>Wilosophy</i> (Stand up Special of DVD Recording)
2011	NZ TV2	<i>Comedy Christmas Cracker Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2011	NZ TV3	<i>New Zealand Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2011	Network TEN	<i>Good News Week</i> (Regular Panellist)
2011	E! Netwok	<i>Chelsea Lately</i> (Regular Guest)
2011	Channel 31	<i>Studio A live</i> (guest)
2010	ABC TV	<i>Gruen Nation</i> (Host)
2010	E! Netwok	<i>Chelsea Lately</i> (Regular Guest)
2010	Network TEN	<i>Good News Week</i> (Regular Panellist)
2010	NZ TV3	<i>New Zealand Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2010	NZ TV3	<i>Seven Days</i> (Panellist)
2010	Comedy Channel	<i>WILOSOPHY</i> (Stand-Up Show Special)
2009-2010	Network TEN	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance x2)
2009	NZ TV3	<i>New Zealand Comedy Festival Xmas Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2009	Network TEN	<i>7PM Project</i> (Guest Host)
2009	NZ TV3	<i>Seven Days</i> (Panellist)
2009	Comedy Channel	<i>WILOSOPHY</i> (Stand Up Show)

		Special)
2009	Network TEN	<i>ROVE</i> (Guest)
2009	E! Network	<i>Chelsea Lately</i> (Guest)
2009	Network TEN	<i>Talkin' Bout Your Generation</i> (Contestant)
2009	Nine Network	<i>2009 Logie Awards</i> (Presenter)
2009	ABC TV	<i>RAW Comedy Finals</i> (Host)
2009	Network TEN	<i>Montreal Just For Laughs: Britcom</i> <i>Special</i> (Host)
2009	Network TEN	<i>Good News Week</i> (Regular Panellist)
2008	ABC TV	<i>The Gruen Transfer</i> (Host)
2008	Network TEN	<i>Good News Week</i> (Panellist)
2007-2008	Network TEN	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance x2)
2007	Network TEN	<i>ROVE</i> – (Stand Up Spot)
2007	ABC TV	<i>The Sideshow</i> – (Stand Up Spot)
2001-2006	ABC TV	<i>The Glass House</i> (Host and Writer)
2006	ABC TV	<i>Head to Head</i> – Celebrity Episode (Panellist)
2006	Network TEN	<i>Just For Laughs Special</i> (Host)
2006	Network TEN	<i>Rove [LIVE]</i> – Stand Up spot
2005-2006	Network TEN	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance x 2)
2005	Network TEN	<i>The 2005 International Comedy</i> <i>Festival. Just For Laughs</i> (Host)
2004	Network TEN	<i>Just For Laughs Comedy Festival</i> (Host)
2004	Network TEN	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2003	Nine Network	<i>World Comedy Tour</i> (Stand Up Appearance) also for Pay-TV in USA, UK and Canada
2003	Network TEN	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2002	Network TEN	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Host)
2002	ABC TV	<i>Raw Comedy Final</i> (Host with Corinne Grant & Dave Hughes)
2000-2003	ABC TV	<i>The Fat</i> (Regular Panellist)
1998-2001	Nine/Network TEN	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance x 4)
1999	Nine Network	<i>Super Debates</i>
1999	Channel 7	<i>World Cup Comedy</i>
1999	ABC TV	<i>Standing Up</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
1997	thecomedychannel	<i>Mouthing Off</i> (Panellist - Several Appearances)
1997-2000	ABC-TV/Network TEN	<i>Good News Week</i> (Regular Panellist)

## RADIO

2016	2Day FM	Breakfast with Rove & Sam (occasional co-host)
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2011	Radio Q	Qantas National Inflight radio <i>Smile High Club</i> (Guest host)
2007-2008	Triple M	National Drive Show " <i>Wil and Lehmo</i> " (Host)
2000- 2004	Triple J	Triple J Breakfast (Host with Adam Spencer)
1999	Triple J	Triple J Breakfast (Weekly Guest and occasional Co-host with Adam Spencer)

\*\* Wil has also made various publicity appearances on a variety of radio networks.

## Live Shows

- 2016 **Fire At Wil**  
Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Opera House, Perth Comedy Festival
- 2016 **FreeWil**  
Underbelly Hong Kong
- 2015 **FreeWil**  
Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Perth, Sydney, Soho Theatre London
- 2015 **Political Wil**  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Giant Dwarf Sydney
- 2014 **Wiluminati**  
Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival, JFL Montreal, Perth, Darwin, Sydney Opera House
- 2013 **GoodWil**  
Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Perth, Enmore Theatre, Canberra, Soho Theatre London, Dee Why RSL, Sutherland Entertainment Centre,
- 2012 **Wilarious**  
Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Udderbelly, Perth Octagon, Sydney Comedy Store
- 2011 **Man Vs Wil**  
Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, New Zealand Comedy Festival (Auckland and Wellington), Sydney Comedy Store (8 week season), Perth, Astor Theatre.  
Regional: Rockhampton, Townsville, Newcastle, Gold Coast, Darwin, Bathurst, Canberra, Nowra, Castlemaine, Sale.
- 2010 **Wilful Misconduct**  
Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, New Zealand Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival and Octagon Theatre Perth, Sydney Comedy Store (return sell out season), Brisbane Sit Down Comedy Club (return season)
- 2009 **Wilosophy**  
National Tour as well as Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, NZ Comedy festival, Sydney Opera House, Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- 2008 **Wilosophy**  
Octagon Theatre – Perth, Powerhouse Theatre – Brisbane

- 2008 *Wil Anderson Live in London*  
Riverside Studios - London
- 2008 *BeWILdered – Solo Show*  
National Tour
- 2007 *Wil Of God – Solo Show*  
National Tour
- 2006 *Wil Communication – Solo Show*  
National Tour
- 2006 *I am the Wilrus – Solo Show*  
Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- 2005 *Kill Wil – Solo Show*  
National Tour
- 2004 *Wil Anderson & Adam Spencer – The Last Time*  
Hi Fi Bar – Melbourne, Theatre Royal – Hobart, Thebarton Theatre  
– Adelaide, Octagon Theatre – Perth, Illawarra Performing Arts  
Centre – Wollongong, City Hall – Newcastle, Enmore Theatre –  
Sydney
- 2003 *Licence To Wil – Solo Show*  
Sydney Opera House, Adelaide Fringe, Octagon Theatre Perth,  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, The Brisbane  
Powerhouse, Darwin Festival
- 2003 *Jagged Little Wil – Solo Show*  
Adelaide Festival Centre, The Brisbane Powerhouse, Sydney Opera  
House, Octagon Theatre Perth, Parramatta, Melbourne International  
Comedy Festival
- 2002 *Wil By Mouth – Solo Show*  
Belvoir St Theatre – Sydney, Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne  
International Comedy Festival
- 2001 *Wil of Fortune – Solo Show*  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2000 *5 thirty – with Adam Spencer*  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2000 *Who Wants To Be A Wilionaire – Solo Show*  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, The Valhalla – Sydney
- 1999 *Terra Wilius – Solo Show*  
Melbourne Fringe Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne  
International Comedy Festival
- 1999 *Wilennium – Solo Show*  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, The Globe – Sydney,  
Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- 1999 Stand Up Season at the Adelaide Festival Centre with Tripod
- 1998 *I Am The Wilrus – Solo Show*  
Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 1997 *Show Pony – 10 Week Season with Corinne Grant*  
Builder's Arms Hotel – Melbourne
- 1997 *Diet Life – Solo Show*  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival

## Other Notable Live Work

- 2016 *The Dollop – Australian Tour* (Sydney, Melbourne and  
Canberra Guest)
- 2015-16 LA Podfest – TOFOP Live
- 2015 *Just for Laughs Festival Montreal*
- 2014 *Just for Laughs Festival Montreal*
- 2014 *Melbourne Comedy Festival Opening Night Gala* (spot)
- 2013 *Just For Laughs Festival Montreal*



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2013 *Sydney Comedy Festival Gala (spot)*  
 2012 Southbank Festival London *Wilarious*  
 2012 Cats Laugh Festival, Kilkenny Ireland  
 2011 *Just for Laughs Gala* – Sydney Opera house (only local act on bill)  
 2011 Largo at the Coronet, Los Angeles – solo show  
 2011 Cats Laugh Festival, Kilkenny Ireland

2011 E4 Udderbelly Festival – Southbank, London – solo show  
 2011 *In Conversation with Alan Ball* – Sydney Opera House (interviewer)

2010 & 2011 Splendour in the Grass – Forum Host  
 2010 & 2011 NZ Comedy Festival Gala  
 2010 Campbelltown Arts Centre Comedy @ C'town  
 2010 *In Conversation with Joss Whedon* – Sydney Opera House (interviewer)

2009 NZ Comedy Festival Christmas Gala  
 2009 Wil Anderson Live - In Stitches – Qld Performing Arts Centre  
 2007 Laugh Out Loud – Sydney Writer's Festival  
 2004, 2005 -2006 + 2009 Just For Laughs - Montreal  
 2003 + 2005 Hobart Comedy Festival  
 2002 Busselton Comedy Festival  
 2001 Livid Music Festival  
 2002 Big Laugh Comedy Festival, Parramatta  
 2001 The Falls Festival  
 2000 Offshore Festival

\*\* Wil is in high demand as a stand up comedian and has headlined in virtually every major venue across the country.

## WRITING

2011 GQ Magazine Australia – regular contributor  
 2009 *Friendly Fire* – A collection of Columns published by Random House  
 2008 - 2009 Sunday Magazine – *Sunday Roast* (Fortnightly Column)  
 2006 *Survival of the Dumbest* debut book published by Random House  
 2004 – 2007 Sunday Magazine – *Sunday Roast* (Weekly Column)  
 2005 – Now In London Magazine – Monthly Column (UK based)  
 2001 – 2003 Cosmopolitan (Monthly Column)  
 1998 – 1999 The Australian, Melbourne Extra (Weekly Column)  
 1997 The Big Issue (Fortnightly Column)

## CORPORATE

VARIOUS CLIENTS INCLUDING ADELAIDE FILM FESTIVAL, MICROSOFT, OPTUS, YOUTUBE, ADSHEL, BT, BRITISH AIRWAYS. L'OREAL, MICROSOFT, CHRYSLER, HOLDEN, ING DIRECT, THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AUSTRALIA, HANIMEX, MOBIL, NAB, MORTGAGE INDUSTRY AUSTRALIA, SUNCORP-METWAY, SYDNEY AIRPORT CORPORATION, SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, SYDNEY SWANS, TOYOTA & WHYBIN LAWRENCE ADVERTISING.



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## RECORDINGS

- 2015 Aussie Comedian DVD Boxset with Dave Hughes and Adam Hills through Universal
- 2015 Wiluminati DVD released and distributed through Universal
- 2009 *Wilosophy* DVD released and distributed through Universal
- 2009 *The Gruen Transfer: Season 2* DVD, released by ABC Enterprises
- 2008 *The Gruen Transfer: Season 1* DVD released by ABC Enterprises
- 2007 *MICF: Best of Gala* DVD Collection
- 2006 Release of *The Best of The Glass House (2002-2006)* DVD by ABC Enterprises and distributed through Roadshow Entertainment
- 2001 Release of the *Melbourne Comedy Festival CD* compilation through Rubber Music, distributed by BMG Australia

## Podcast

- 2013 – Now *Wilosophy* hosted by Wil Anderson
- 2012-15 *LA Podcast Festival* (invited to participate)
- 2010-Now *TOFOP (thirty odd foot of pod)* hosted by Wil Anderson and Charlie Clausen
- 2011 *WTF* with Marc Maron podcast - Wil Anderson was a guest

## LIVE THEATRE

- 1999/2000 A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHTS DREAM (PRINCIPLE CAST MEMBER)  
ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS – MELBOURNE

## AWARDS

- 2016 Winner of Most Outstanding Entertainment program for Gruen
- 2015 Winner of Melbourne International Comedy Festival People's Choice Award
- 2014 Winner of Melbourne International Comedy Festival Air B'n'B People's Choice Award
- 2012 Winner of Melbourne International Comedy Festival Bulmers People's Choice Award
- 2012 Nominee Helpmann Award – Best Comedy Performer
- 2012 Nominee for AACTA Award "Best Light Entertainment Series" for The Gruen Sweat
- 2011 Winner of Melbourne International Comedy Festival Bulmers People's Choice Award
- 2011 Winner of AACTA Award "Best Light Entertainment Series" for The Gruen Transfer
- 2011 Nominee Helpmann Award – Best Comedy Performer
- 2010 Winner of GQ Man Of The Year "Media Personality"
- 2010 Winner of Melbourne International Comedy Festival Bulmers People's Choice Award
- 2010 Winner of Helpmann Award – Best Comedy Performer
- 2010 Nominee for Melbourne International Comedy Festival Barry Award
- 2010 2009 TV Week Logie Awards - Nominated for Gold Logie
- 2008 Winner GQ Man Of The Year "Comedic Talent"
- 2008 Nominee GQ Man Of The Year "Radio Presenter"
- 2008 Nominee GQ Man Of The Year "TV Presenter"
- 2008 Nominee Australian Commercial Radio Awards "Best New Talent"
- 2008 Nominee Australian Commercial Radio Awards "Best Sketch"



- 2008 Nominee, The Gruen Transfer, "Best Light Entertainment Series"
- 2007 Nominee GQ Man Of The Year "Radio Presenter"
- 2007 Nominee GQ Man Of The Year "Comedic Talent"
- 2007 Nominee Logie Award, The Glass House, "Most Outstanding Comedy Program"
- 2007 Nominee Logie Award. "Most Popular TV Presenter"
- 2006 Nominee AFI Awards, The Glass House, "Best Light Entertainment Series"
- 2006 Nominee Logie Award, The Glass House, "Most Outstanding Comedy Program"
- 2006 Nominee Logie Award, The Glass House, "Most Popular Light Entertainment Program"
- 2005 Winner AFI Awards, The Glass House, "Best Light Entertainment Series"
- 2004 Nominee AFI Awards, The Glass House, "Best Light Entertainment Series"
- 1999 Nominee Perrier Award, Edinburgh Fringe, "Best Newcomer"



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