

# **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 for ABC TV, inspired by his life and his comedy, called Please Like Me.

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 becoming 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, Most Outstanding Comedy at the Logie Awards and has been nominated as Best Comedy at the International Emmy Awards, Rose d'Or Awards and GLAAD Media 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* is now available worldwide, streaming Hulu in the US, Amazon Prime Video in the UK & Ireland, and Netflix in the rest of the world.

Everything's Gonna Be Okay, a brand new comedy series created by, written and starring Josh, will premiere in 2020 on the Disney-owned US TV network Freeform.

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**

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

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"..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

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### **Television**

2018 2016	Network Ten Hulu (USA) ABC TV	Hughesy We Have A Problem (Guest) Please Like Me Series 4
2015	Pivot TV (USA) ABC TV	(Writer, Producer, Actor, Director)  Please Like Me Series 3  (Writer, Producer, Actor, Director)
2015	ABC TV	Dirty Laundry Live (Guest)
2014	Pivot TV (USA) ABC 2	Please Like Me Series 2 (Writer, Producer, Actor)
2014	Pivot TV (USA)	Take Part Live (Guest)
2014	ABC TV	Q&A (Guest)
2014	Network Ten	The Project (Guest)
2014	ABC 2	Dirty Laundry Live (Guest)
2013	Pivot TV (USA)	Please Like Me
		(Writer, Producer, Actor)
2013	Pivot TV (USA)	Take Part Live
		(Guest)
2013	ABC 2	Please Like Me
		(Writer, Producer, Performer)
2013	Network Ten	This Week Live (Guest)
2013	Network Ten	Melbourne International Comedy
		Festival Gala (Comedy Spot)
2013	ABC 2	Dirty Laundry Live
		(Guest)
2013	ABC TV	Adam Hills Tonight
		(Guest)
2013	ABC TV	Q & A (Guest)
2013	Network Ten	The Living Room
		(Guest)
2012	Foxtel, Lifestyle	Celebrity Come Dine With Me
		(Contestant)
2009-12	Network Ten	Talkin' 'bout Your Generation





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(Team Captain)

2011 ABC TV Q and A (Panel Guest)

2011 ABC TV Josh Thomas, Surprise, 30min stand

up special on DVD release
Network Ten

Welbourne International Comedy

Festival Gala (Host)

2010-11 Network Ten Good News Week (Regular Guest)
2009-10 Network Ten The 7PM Project (Regular Guest)
2010 Network Ten Melbourne International Comedy
Festival Gala (Stand Up Spot)

2010 Comedy Channel A Night At the Festival Club (Host),
2009 Network Ten Celebrity Masterchef (Contestant)
2009 Network Ten Good News Week (Contestant)
2009 Network Ten Melbourne International Comedy
Festival Gala (Stand Up Spot)

2009 Network Ten Ready, Steady, Cook (Contestant)
 2008 Network Ten Rove (Stand up Appearance)
 2008 Network Ten Good News Week (4x Guest Appearances)

Comedy Channel Melbourne International Comedy

Festival - Festival Club Special (Stand Up

Spot)

2007 ABC The SideShow (2x Stand Up

Appearances)

2007 Comedy Channel Stand Up! Australia (StandUp

Appearance)

## **Live Shows**

2011

2008

2013 Douchebag – Solo Show

Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Store, Illawarra IPAC,

Perth Octagon.

2011 Everything Ever – Solo Show

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 Surprise – Solo Show

Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Octagon Theatre, Newcastle Civic

Centre, Canberra theatre, Sydney Opera House

2010 Lets Learn Some S\*\*\* - Live Panel Show

Melbourne, Chapel Off Chapel

2009 Things That I Have Said Before – Solo Show

Melbourne Fringe Festival, The Sydney Comedy Store, Octagon

Theatre

2009 More Josh Than You Can Handle! – Solo Show

Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival,

Sydney Comedy Festival

2008 Josh Thomas & the Adventures of the World's Greatest Love

Machine - Solo Show





Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival

2007 Please Like Me – Solo Show

Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Powerhouse,

Wild West Comedy Festival

2006 The Comedy Zone

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

### Recordings

2017	Universal	Please Like Me Series 1-4 (Complete Box Set)
2016	Universal	Please Like Me Series Four (DVD)
2015	Universal	Please Like Me Series Three (DVD)
2014	Universal	Please Like Me Series Two (DVD)
2013	Universal	Please Like Me Series One (DVD)
2011	Madman	Surprise (Stand-up DVD)
	Entertainment	
2009	iTunes/ Audio CD	Things I've Said Before (Stand-up)

### Please Like Me: Awards

- 2017 WINNER: TV Week Logie Awards, Most Outstanding Comedy Program, Please Like Me
- 2016 NOMINEE: TV Week Logie Awards, Best Actor, Please Like Me
- 2016 NOMINEE: TV Week Logie Awards, Most Outstanding Comedy Program, Please Like Me
- 2016 WINNER: AWGIE Awards, Best Writing in a Comedy: Situation or Narrative, Please Like Me, Season 3 'Pancakes with Faces'
- 2016 NOMINEE: AWGIE Awards, Best Writing in a Comedy: Situation or Narrative Please Like Me, Season 3 'Coq au Vin' & 'Simple Carbohydrates'
- 2016 NOMINEE: Screen Producers Australia Awards, Comedy Television Production of the Year, Please Like Me Season 3
- 2016 NOMINEE: AACTA Awards, Best Television Comedy Series, Please Like Me Season 3
- 2016 NOMINEE: Prism Awards, Comedy Episode or Multi-Episode Storyline, Please Like Me Season 3
- 2015 NOMINEE: TV Week Logie Awards, Most Outstanding Comedy Program, Please Like Me
- 2015 NOMINEE: TV Week Logie Awards, Most Popular Actor, Please Like Me
- 2015 WINNER: AWGIE Awards, Best Writing in a Comedy: Situation or Narrative, Please Like Me Series 2, Episode 7 'Scroggin'
- 2015 WINNER: 4<sup>th</sup> AACTA Awards, Best Screenplay in Television, Please Like Me Series 2 Episode 7 'Scroggin'
- 2015 NOMINEE: AACTA Awards, Best Performance in a Television Comedy, Please Like Me
- 2015 NOMINEE: AACTA Awards, Best Television Comedy Series, Please Like Me
- 2015 NOMINEE: Prism Awards, Comedy Episode or Multi-Episode Storyline, Please Like Me, Season 2
- 2015 NOMINEE: Dorian Awards, LGBTQ TV Show of the Year, Please Like Me
- 2015 NOMINEE: Dorian Awards, Unsung TV Show of the Year, Please Like Me
- 2015 WINNER: Screen Producers Australia Awards, Best Comedy Television Production Please Like Me Season 2

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- 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

## **Josh Thomas Awards**

- 2014 NOMINEE: AACTA Awards, Best Performance in a Television Comedy
- 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 Wards, 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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