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# Tom Ballard

Comedian / Broadcaster / Actor

**Tom Ballard** is an award-winning stand up comedian/actor/writer/broadcaster/person who always tries his best. He's one of Australia's hottest comic talents, he's performed and won acclaim all around the world and he's very pleased to meet you.

In 2009, Tom became the youngest ever recipient of the Melbourne Comedy Festival's Best Newcomer Award for his debut hour, *Tom Ballard Is What He Is*. He was nominated for Best Newcomer at the 2015 Edinburgh Fringe for his show *Taxis & Rainbows & Hatred*, while his 2016 show *The World Keeps Happening* was nominated for Best Show in both Melbourne and Edinburgh, as well as taking out the 2016 Helpmann Award for Best Comedy Performer and the inaugural John Pinder Prize at the Melbourne Comedy Festival. The show then went on to be recorded at the Comedy Theatre for Stan Australia's *One Night Stan* series.

In 2017 Tom's show *Problematic* won the Best Australian Show Award at the Sydney Comedy Festival and was hailed as one of the top three best-reviewed shows at the Edinburgh Fringe that year.

He's been invited to perform at the Montreal *Just For Laughs* Festival, had sold-out seasons at the famous Soho Theatre and has opened for the likes of Wanda Sykes, Stephen Merchant and Danny Bhoy. He even once roast-battled Jimmy Carr and didn't die in the process.

Tom also has quite the taste for broadcasting and doing proper satire. He co-hosted the breakfast show on national youth radio station triple j with his dear friend Alex Dyson for four years. A collection of the "highlights" from that show, *Tom & Alex: The Bits We're Least Ashamed Of*, won the 2013 ARIA for Best Comedy Release.

At just 24 years old, Tom hosted *Reality Check*: his very own ABC TV panel show dissecting the insane world of reality television. He's guest hosted the ABC discussion show Q&A on multiple occasions, interviewed all sorts of political figures on his popular podcast *Like I'm A Six-Year-Old*, featured on the race-focussed social experiment series *First Contact* and for more than 150 episodes, hosted his own satirical late night show for ABC Comedy, *Tonightly with Tom Ballard*, which was a very naughty show that the conservative Australian government didn't like very much at all.

In 2019, Tom toured *Enough*, a hilarious brand new solo stand-up show that attempted to distract everyone from the neoliberal horror that surrounds us in every waking moment, destroying our collective future. It went really well! Performing to critically acclaim, selling out houses across Australia and having a successful run at the Edinburgh Fringe and Soho Theatre London.

If that wasn't enough, Tom also wrote a play that he performed at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, *#KWANDA* – A satire of the ABC TV political discussion program Q&A.

You should also know that Tom dropped out of a law degree after six weeks, he's very bad at being vegetarian and he suffers from mild eczema.

Tom is one of the country's most exciting and insightful voices.

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*"[Ballard's] material, most importantly, absolutely kills...It's tightly paced, it's perfectly delivered and it's funny as hell... ★★★★★" Time Out Sydney*

*"consistently, acutely hilarious... ★★★★★" Herald Sun*

*"excellent, unflinching and at times brutally funny...[Ballard's] natural poise and charming on-stage persona means he appears likely to have a long career ahead... ★★★★★" The Age*

*"one of the most fearless and hilarious voices in Australian comedy" Wil Anderson*

*"savagely funny ★★★★★" Chortle [UK]*

## Live Shows

- 2019 *Enough – Solo Show*  
Perth Fringeworld, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival, Newcastle Spiegeltent, Comedy Store Sydney, Geelong Spiegeltent, Easey Street Concert Hall Melbourne, Edinburgh Fringe, Soho Theatre London
- 2019 *#KWANDA – Play*  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2018 *Tom Ballard And Friends Read A Play That Tom Has Written – Play*  
Yack Festival Sydney
- 2017 *Problematic – Solo Show*  
Adelaide Fringe, Ten Days On The Island Hobart, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Soho Theatre London
- 2017 *Boundless Plains To Share – Solo Show (Return Season)*  
Belvoir St Theatre – Sydney, Perth Fringe Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Comedy Theatre - Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2017 *Like I'm A Six-Year-Old – Live Podcast with guest Stan Grant*  
Yack Festival Sydney
- 2016 *Boundless Plains To Share – Solo Show*  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2016 *The World Keeps Happening – Solo Show*  
Perth Fringeworld Festival, Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Comedy Store Sydney, Soho Theatre London
- 2014-15 *Taxi's & Rainbows & Hatred – Solo Show*  
Sydney Fringe Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival, Perth Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Soho Theatre London
- 2014 *Giant Dwarf Radio – Radio Play*  
Giant Dwarf Theatre, Sydney
- 2014 *UnAustralian(ish) - Solo Show*  
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival, Perth International Comedy Festival
- 2013 *My Ego is Better than Your Ego - Solo Show*  
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival
- 2012 *Doing Stuff- Solo Show*  
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival

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2012	<i>Tom Ballard's Listening Party</i> The Standard, Sydney
2012	<i>Tom Ballard Live</i> PRIDEFEST, Western Australia
2011	<i>Since 1989- Solo Show</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Wild West Comedy Fest, Belvoir St Theatre, Sydney Comedy Store
2011	<i>Tom Ballard Is What He Is – Solo Show</i> Belvoir St Theatre, Sydney
2010	<i>Tom Ballard Is What He Is – Solo Show</i> Feast Festival Adelaide
2010	<i>Cogito Ergo Some Funny – Solo Show</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival.
2009	<i>Several Nights Only – Solo Show</i> Melbourne Fringe Festival
2009	<i>Tom Ballard Is What He Is - Solo Show</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival & St Kilda Laughs Festival
2008	<i>The Comedy Zone</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival

## Radio

2016	2DAY FM (Sydney)	Breakfast with Rove and Sam – Guest Co-Host
2015	triple j	Nazeem Hussain Heals the World – Guest Host
2014	triple j	Chatback - Host
2010-13	triple j	triple j breakfast – Host
2013	triple j	Debate Night – Host of six part series
2011	QRadio	Qantas Inflight Radio, Smile High Club - Guest Host
2009	triple j	Weekend Breakfast - Host
2008 - 2009	triple j	Summer Lunch - Host

## Television

2019	ABC TV	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Opening Night All Star Gala (Comedy Spot)
2019	Network Ten	Celebrity Name Game (Panellist)
2019	Network Ten	Show Me The Movie! (Panellist)
2019	Network Ten	Hughesy We Have A Problem (Panellist)
2017-18	ABC Comedy	Tonightly with Tom Ballard (Host)
2017	STAN	One Night Stan -The World Keeps Happening (Comedy Special)
2017	ABC TV	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Opening Night All Star Gala (Comedy Spot)
2017	SBS	Filthy, Rich and Homeless (Live Studio Q&A Host)
2017	Channel 7	Behave Yourself (Contestant)
2015-17	Network Ten	The Project (Guest host)
2016	SBS	First Contact (Participant)
2016	Comedy Central (US)	Jeff Ross Presents Roast Battle
2016	SBS	Sydney Mardi Gras – Live Coverage (Co-host)
2016	Network Ten	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Allstars Gala (Comedy spot)
2015	Comedy Channel	Just for Laughs at the Sydney Opera House, Stand Up Series (Comedy Spot)
2015	ABC TV	Q&A: Country Life, CSG and Cannibis (Host)
2015	ABC TV	Q&A Special: Between a Frock and a Hard Place (Host)

2015	SBS Online	Fully Furnished (Co-writer/Actor: Role of Dayne)
2015	ABC TV	Dirty Laundry Live (Guest)
2015	SBS	Sydney Mardi Gras – Live Coverage (Co-host)
2015	Network Ten	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Oxfam Gala (Stand up)
2014	ABC TV	Reality Check (Host)
2014	ABC TV	It's a Date (Acting: Role of Mark)
2014	Comedy Channel	Just for Laughs at the Sydney Opera House, Stand Up Series (Stand up)
2014	ABC 2	Back Seat Drivers
2014	Network Ten	The Project (Guest host)
2014	ABC TV	Spicks and Specks (Guest)
2014	Comedy Channel	Best of the Sydney Comedy Festival (stand up)
2014	ABC 2	Comedy Up Late (Host – 2 episodes)
2014	Network Ten	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Oxfam Gala (stand up)
2014	SBS 2	Sydney Mardi Gras – Live Coverage (Co-host)
2013	Network Ten	This Week Live (Guest x2)
2013	ABC TV	Tractor Monkey's (Guest)
2013	Network Ten	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala (Stand up)
2013	Network Ten	The Project (Various)
2011-12	Network Ten	The Project, Resident Expert, Fortnightly segment
2012	ABC TV	The Hamster Wheel, Sketch (as himself)
2011-13	Network Ten	Can of Worms, Guest
2011	ABC TV	Spicks and Specks, Guest
2011	ABC TV	The Drum, Regular Guest
2009-11	Network Ten	The 7PM Project, Regular Guest
2010	Network Ten	The Circle, Guest
2009-10	Network Ten	Good News Week, Regular Guest
2009	SBS	ADbc
2009	Channel 31	Studio A – Regular Guest
2009	ABC TV	triple jtv with the Doctor
		Writer/performer
2008	ABC TV	Triple jtv's The Hack Half Hour
		Guest
2008	Channel 31	Studio A – Guest

## Recordings

2019	Audible	<i>What's the Story?</i> Podcast Series - Host
2015-19	Podcast	<i>Like I'm a Six Year Old</i>
2017	Podcast	Listen To Love - Audible
2012	Bandcamp	<i>Since 1989</i> – Solo Show (Audio Recording)
2011	Madman Entertainment	<i>Tom Ballard Is What He Is</i> (Stand-up DVD)

## Writing

2014-17	The Guardian Australia	Guest Contributor
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2015-17	Fairfax Online	Guest Contributor
2015	Junkee	Guest Contributor
2014	Sydney Morning Herald	Guest Contributor
2010-13	JMAG	Regular Contributor
2010	Good Weekend	Guest Contributor
2009-2010	The Warrnambool Standard	Monthly Blog Contributor

## Other Notable Work

2017	Sydney Comedy Festival Cracker Night (Stand Up)
2017	Sydney Mardi Gras Gala (Stand Up)
2016	Montreal Just for Laughs Comedy Festival (Stand Up)
2015	Montreal Just for Laughs Comedy Festival (Stand Up)
2015	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow (Stand Up)
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2013	<i>Iris</i> – Film for Tropfest 2013 (Actor/Creator)
2013	National Youth Writers Festival – various performances
2013	Sydney Comedy Festival Cracker Night - Host (The Metro Theatre, Sydney and The Concourse, Chatswood).
2012	Pridefest WA – Solo Performance
2012	Splendour In The Grass – Comedy Spot
2012	Stephen Merchant <i>Hello Ladies</i> Tour – Support Act, Brisbane.
2012	Homebake Festival – Comedy Spot
2010	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala – Comedy Spot
2010	Falls Festivals, Marion Bay and Lorne – Comedy Spots
2009	<i>Shiny Thing</i> – Acting Role, Short Film
2009	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow
2009	Class Clowns Gala – Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2008	<i>Young Blood Comedy Tour</i>
2008	<i>Squeaky Clean Comedy</i>
2007	<i>Eskimo Jokes</i> – Guest Performer, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2007	<i>Young Blood Comedy Tour</i>

## Awards

2017	Nominee: Helpmann Award – Best Comedy Performer - <i>Problematic</i>
2017	Winner: Sydney Comedy Festival - Best Comedy (Local) - <i>Problematic</i>
2016	Winner: Helpmann Award – Best Comedy Performer - <i>Boundless Plains to Share/The World Keeps Happening</i>
2016	Nominee: Lastminute.co.uk Edinburgh Comedy Awards – Best Comedy Show – <i>The World Keeps Happening</i>
2016	Winner: Melbourne International Comedy Festival - Pinder Prize – <i>Boundless Plains to Share/The World Keeps Happening</i>
2016	Nominee: Melbourne International Comedy Festival - Barry Award for Most Outstanding Show – <i>Boundless Plains to Share/The World Keeps Happening</i>
2015	Nominee: Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Awards - Best Newcomer – <i>Taxi's &amp; Rainbows &amp; Hatred</i>
2013	Winner: ARIAs Best Comedy Release – <i>Tom &amp; Alex: The Bits We're Least Ashamed Of.</i>
2009	Winner: Melbourne International Comedy Festival - Best Newcomer Award – <i>Tom Ballard Is What He Is.</i>

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