

Tom Ballard

Comedian / Broadcaster / Actor

Tom Ballard is the fearlessly funny voice of a generation.

Tom is one of Australia's favourite comic talents, and he's performed and won acclaim all around the world. He was invited to perform at the Montreal *Just For Laughs* Festival, and had sold-out seasons at the famous Soho Theatre. Tom is a Helpmann award winner and was the inaugural John Pinder Prize winner in 2016.

In 2022 Tom released his first book *I, Millennial* wherein he unpicks how we got here and why. Through the power of jokes, history, interviews, and sass, he decodes the state of Australian society.

In 2023 Tom will appear in the Amazon original series *Deadloch*, a scripted-comedy-feminist-noir-murder-mystery from the minds of Kates McLennan & McCartney. His first stand-up special *The World Keeps Happening* is available on Stan in Australia and his second comedy special *Enough*, which was recorded at the stunning and iconic Melbourne venue Chapel Off Chapel, is available to stream worldwide now on Paramount+. He also appears in SBS's *Patriot Brains* hosted by Bill Bailey.

Tom is deeply invested in contemporary politics; he is the co-host of the impactful podcast *Serious Danger* alongside Emerald Moon. He is also the host the popular podcast *Like I'm A Six-Year-Old*, wherein he has interviewed all sorts of political figures. Previously, Tom hosted *Tonightly with Tom Ballard* for ABC TV and he has on multiple occasions guest-hosted the meaningful, often heated ABC discussion show Q&A.

Tom's early success in comedy is legendary, back 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*. At just 24 years old, Tom hosted *Reality Check*: his very own ABC TV panel show, and he was the co-host of the much-loved radio show triple j breakfast alongside Alex Dyson for 4 years.

Tom will be touring a new solo show on the festival circuit 2023, *IT IS I*, which undoubtedly will be as delightful and well-received as his past shows. Tom expertly toes the line between being wise beyond his years and simultaneously cheekier than should be allowed. Tom has consistently delivered jaw-droppingly bold punchlines that are never predictable but always captivating.

"[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]



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Live Shows

- 2021 *We're All In This Together* – Solo Show
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival
- 2020 *Grandiloquent* - Solo Show
Adelaide Fringe Festival
- 2019 *Just For Laughs Sydney*
Sydney Opera House, to be broadcast on Foxtel and TEN
- 2019 *Enough* – Solo Show
Perth Fringeworld, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival, Newcastle Spiegeltent, Comedy Store Sydney, Geelong Spiegletent, 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
- 2012 *Tom Ballard's Listening Party*
The Standard, Sydney
- 2012 *Tom Ballard Live*
PRIDEFEST, Western Australia
- 2011 *Since 1989*- Solo Show
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Wild West Comedy Fest, Belvoir St Theatre, Sydney Comedy Store

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2011	<i>Tom Ballard Is What He Is</i> – Solo Show Belvoir St Theatre, Sydney
2010	<i>Tom Ballard Is What He Is</i> – Solo Show Feast Festival Adelaide
2010	<i>Cogito Ergo Some Funny</i> – Solo Show Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival.
2009	<i>Several Nights Only</i> – Solo Show Melbourne Fringe Festival
2009	<i>Tom Ballard Is What He Is</i> - Solo Show Melbourne International Comedy Festival & St Kilda Laughs Festival
2008	<i>The Comedy Zone</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Radio

2019	triple j	Hack (Guest)
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

2022	Amazon Prime	Deadloch (lead)
2021	SBS/Viceland	Patriot Brains (Panellist)
2021	ABC TV	Spicks and Specks (Guest)
2020	STAN	Lockdown Comedy Festival (Comedy Spot)
2020	SBS	Celebrity Mastermind (Grandfinalist)
2020	Network Ten	The Project (Guest)
2020	Network Ten	Hughesy We Have a Problem (Panellist)
2021	Network Ten	AACTA Industry Awards (Award Presenter)
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 Cannabis (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
2008	Channel 31	Guest	Studio A – Guest

Podcasts / Recordings

2021	Podcast		<i>Laughscape - Comedy Sleep Stories</i>
2021	Podcast		<i>Serious Danger</i> with Emerald Moon
2019	Podcast		<i>The Little Dum Dum Club</i>
2019	Podcast		<i>My Favourite Album</i>
2019	Audible		<i>What's the Story?</i> Podcast Series - Host
2015-20	Podcast		<i>Like I'm a Six Year Old</i>
2017	Podcast		<i>Listen To Love</i> - 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

2022	I, Millennial	Author (<i>Publisher: Simon & Schuster</i>)
2014-17	The Guardian Australia	Guest Contributor
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

2020	Laugh Out Proud (Stand Up)
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

2023	Nominee: Melbourne International Comedy Festival – Most Outstanding Show – <i>It Is I</i>
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 - Melbourne Comedy Festival Award – <i>Boundless Plains to Share/The World Keeps Happening</i>
2015	Nominee: Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Awards - Best Newcomer – <i>Taxi's & Rainbows & Hatred</i>
2013	Winner: ARIAs Best Comedy Release – <i>Tom & Alex: The Bits We're Least Ashamed Of.</i>

2009 Winner: Melbourne International Comedy Festival - Best Newcomer Award
– *Tom Ballard Is What He Is.*

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