

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. In 2019 Tom returned to Edinburgh with his show, *Enough*, which went on to play in London.

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.

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.

"[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

- 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 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
- 2012 *Tom Ballard’s Listening Party*
The Standard, Sydney
- 2012 *Tom Ballard Live*
PRIDEFEST, Western Australia
- 2011 *Since 1989*- Solo Show



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Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Wild West Comedy Fest, Belvoir St Theatre, Sydney Comedy Store

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

Radio

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| 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

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| 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) |
| 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) |

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| 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 |

Recordings

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| 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 | Listen To Love - Audible |
| 2012 | Bandcamp | <i>Since 1989 – Solo Show</i> (Audio Recording) |
| 2011 | Madman Entertainment | <i>Tom Ballard Is What He Is</i> (Stand-up DVD) |

Writing

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| 2014-17 | The Guardian Australia | Guest Contributor |
| 2015-17 | Fairfax Online | Guest Contributor |

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| 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 |



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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)
- 2014 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow (Stand Up)
- 2013 *Iris* – 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 *Hello Ladies* 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 *Shiny Thing* – Acting Role, Short Film
- 2009 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow
- 2009 Class Clowns Gala – Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2008 *Young Blood Comedy Tour*
- 2008 *Squeaky Clean Comedy*
- 2007 *Eskimo Jokes* – Guest Performer, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2007 *Young Blood Comedy Tour*

Awards

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

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