

# Tom Ballard

## Comedian / Broadcaster / Actor / Writer

**Tom Ballard** is an award-winning Australian stand-up who's trying to save the world with comedy. Since becoming the youngest ever winner of the Melbourne Comedy Festival's Best Newcomer Award, Tom has performed stand-up all over the world, including at JFL Montreal and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

No stranger to TV, Tom has appeared as a guest on every network in Australia and even hosted his own (very naughty) late-night show *Tonightly with Tom Ballard* on the ABC. On top of that, the former Triple J host found the time to release his debut book *I, Millennial: One Snowflake's Screed Against Boomers, Billionaires & Everything Else*.

Appearing as the loveable but incompetent cop Constable Sven Alderman in the hit Prime Video series *Deadloch* sealed Tom's fate as Australia's politically minded comedian sweetheart (yes, it's a thing). As the co-host of his weekly political podcast *Serious Danger*, Tom is constantly in the process of cooking up even fresher and gooder jokes about everything that's going on with the world.

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

*"[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... ★★★★★1/2"* Herald Sun

*"A very strong hour of acerbic comedy with a socialist bent." ★★★★★ The Age, 2023*

*"A relentless whirl of opinion, silliness and increasingly bad-taste jokes against those who most deserve it." ★★★★★ 1/2 Chortle, 2023*

## Live Shows

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|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2024 | <i>Good Point, Well Made- Solo Show</i><br>Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Perth Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival |
| 2023 | <i>It Is I – Solo Show</i><br>Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Just For Laughs Montreal, Edinburgh Fringe Festival,                                                           |
| 2023 | <i>YES/NO: A Comedy Lecture – Solo Show</i><br>Melbourne International Comedy Festival                                                                                                |
| 2021 | <i>We Are All In This – Solo Show</i><br>Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival                                                                              |
| 2019 | <i>Just For Laughs Sydney</i><br>Sydney Opera House, to be broadcast on Foxtel and TEN                                                                                                |
| 2019 | <i>Enough – Solo Show</i>                                                                                                                                                             |

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- 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, Adelaide Fringe Festival (2020)
- 2019 **#KWANDA: A 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
- 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

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## Radio

2022	BBC Radio 4	<i>Solastalgia</i> (Stand-up Special)
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

2023	ABC	Question Everything (Guest)
2023	Amazon Prime	Deadloch (Lead – Sven Alderman)
2022	Paramount +	Enough (Comedy Special)
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 Guest
2008	Channel 31	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
2015-23	Podcast	<i>Like I'm a Six Year Old</i>
2017	Podcast	Listen To Love - Audible
2013	CD	<i>Tom &amp; Alex: The Bits We're Least Ashamed Of</i>
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

2022	I, Millennial	Author (Publisher: Simon & Schuster)
2022	Young and Free	Paramount+, Script commissioned

		Additional Materials by
2022	Deadloch (Eps 3 + 4) <i>Amazon Prime</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)
2014	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow (Stand Up)
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 &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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