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Tom Ballard

Comedian / Broadcaster / Actor

Tom Ballard is a comedian who gets to perform the ancient art of stand up all around Australia and the world.

His desperation to make people laugh stretches back to high school when he took part in the **Melbourne International Comedy Festival's Class Clowns** competition and didn't win, which made him sad and bitter. He then went on to be a **RAW Comedy** national finalist, a member of the **Comedy Zone**, a nominee for the prestigious **Golden Gibbo Award** and the youngest ever recipient of the **MICF Best Newcomer Award** for his debut hour, *Tom Ballard Is What He Is*.

Then he turned 19.

Tom co-hosted the **triple j** breakfast show with his dear friend Alex Dyson from 2010 to 2013 and they were very very silly but they won an **ARIA** for their trouble anyway. After four years of early mornings, Tom decided to hang up the headphones to concentrate on stand up, TV and sleeping.

Having appeared on everything from **The Project** to **Spicks'n'Specks** to **It's A Date**, in 2014 Tom hosted **Reality Check**: his very own panel show for ABC TV, which dissected the insane world of reality television. He's twice guest-hosted the political discussion show **Q&A** to critical acclaim, or at least to no widespread embarrassment.

In 2015 Tom was invited to the **Just For Laughs Festival** in Montreal, where he performed alongside **Wanda Sykes** and roasted **Jimmy Carr**. His show *Taxis & Rainbows & Hatred* nabbed him a nomination for the **Best Newcomer Award** at the **Edinburgh Festival Fringe** that year.

His body of work at the 2016 MICF earned him a nomination for the prestigious **Barry Award for Most Outstanding Show**. Tom was the inaugural recipient of the **Pinder Prize**, named in honour of the late, great John Pinder, allowing him to return to Edinburgh later in the year where his show *The World Keeps Happening* was nominated for the Best Comedy Award. He was also invited back to perform at Just For Laughs Montreal, where he took part in Comedy Central's Jeff Ross Presents Roast Battle and performed on LOL Live presented by Kevin Hart.

Tom also hosts his own hit interview podcast **Like I'm A Six-Year-Old**, tweets like a mofu and occasionally suffers from eczema. He's very pleased to meet you.

"[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

- 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

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 2008 - 2009	triple j triple j	Weekend Breakfast - Host Summer Lunch - Host

Television

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	Network Ten	The Project (Guest 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

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Recordings

2015	iTunes	<i>Like I'm a Six Year Old</i> (Podcast)
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

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

Other Notable Work

2016	Montreal Just for Laughts Comedy Festival (Stand Up)	
2015	Montreal Just for Laughts 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, and The Concourse, Chatswood).	Sydney
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

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>



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- 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.*

Exclusively represented by Token Artists.

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