

Charlie Pickering

Stand Up Comedian / Writer / Broadcaster / Presenter

Edgy, polished and inventive, **Charlie Pickering** is a political junkie and law graduate who chose to pay his HECS debt by squandering his degree.

Charlie spent ten years travelling the world as an award-winning comic before settling into the closest thing he had to a day job. As a stand-up comedian, Charlie has scored nominations for *Best Newcomer* in Edinburgh and the *Melbourne Comedy Festival Award*, as well scoring an invite to perform at the prestigious *Just for Laughs Festival* in Montreal. He's entertained the troops in Afghanistan, hosted national radio shows and published the best-selling memoir *Impractical Jokes* before landing on TV as a Team Captain for four series of *Talkin' 'Bout Your Generation* in 2009.

Subsequently a founding host on *The Project* for 5 years, Charlie was at the centre of one of Australian television's most daring experiments, re-defining the way that hundreds of thousands of Australians see the news. In 2015 he changed things up again, and premiered *The Weekly with Charlie Pickering* on ABC TV, under the aegis of his production company Thinkative Television.

And if a weekly dose of Charlie wasn't quite enough, he's also had the monumental task of wrapping up the year that was with *The Yearly with Charlie Pickering* since 2015, and bringing in the New Year for the ABC since 2017.

In 2018, Charlie launched an exciting new series from Thinkative for the ABC – *Tomorrow Tonight*. In each episode he introduced Annabel Crabb and a panel of experts and comedians to a story that would have us all glued to the news, *if it had happened yet*. In a similarly speculative style, he also debuted an Audible commission - *The Time Traveller's Guide to Not Dying* – in which Charlie voices the audio instruction manual for intrepid correspondents from the year 2041 as they visit key historical moments.

Tomorrow Tonight and *The Weekly* will return to ABC TV in 2022.

“Charming company and a natural raconteur ★★★★★” The Scotsman

“You won't be disappointed ★★★★★” The Independent UK


“Dangerously funny” Cape Town Argus

“Masterful ★★★★★” New Zealand Herald

“Stuffs more material into an hour than other comics do in two” Herald Sun

“Australia's Best ★★★★★” The Adelaide Advertiser

Live Shows

- 2019 Us & Them – Solo Show
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Canberra Comedy Festival
- 2018 59 Consecutive Minutes – Solo Show
Melbourne International Comedy Festival 

- 2017 **Charlie Pickering – Solo Show**
Ten Days On The Island – Hobart, Midlandia Festival - Perth.
- 2016 **How To Tame A Wild Squirrel – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Ten Days On The Island - Hobart, Sydney Opera House
- 2014 **Charlie Pickering – Solo Show**
Canberra Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival.
- 2013 **The World's Problems Solved by Charlie Pickering and Waleed Aly**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2012 **One Giant Leap – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Store
- 2012 **Charlie Pickering Live – Solo Show**
Perth International Comedy Festival
- 2012 **Rodeo, Burqa, Circumcision – Solo Show**
Brisbane Comedy Festival
- 2011 **Rodeo, Burqa, Circumcision – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2010 **A Beginners Guide – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival
- 2009 **Impractical Jokes – Solo Show**
New Zealand Comedy Festival
- 2009 **The Audacity Of Frank – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2009 **Charlie Pickering – Solo Show**
Brisbane Comedy Festival
- 2009 **Charlie Pickering – Solo Show**
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival
- 2008 **Thirteen Ducks – Solo Show**
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2008 **Impractical Jokes – Solo Show**
Griffin Theatre, Sydney
- 2007 **Impractical Jokes – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Powerhouse, Hothouse Comedy Festival
- 2007 **Auto – Solo Show**
Castlemaine State Festival, Canberra Street Theatre
- 2007 **Charlie Pickering Live – Solo Show**
Adelaide Fringe Festival
- 2006 **Auto – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival (Barry Award Nominee), NZ International Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Soho Theatre - London
- 2005 **Betterman - Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, NZ International Comedy Festival - Auckland & Wellington (Winner Best International Guest – NZ Comedy Guild Awards), Edinburgh Fringe (Perrier Best Newcomer Nominee) Adelaide Fringe Festival 2006, Cracker Comedy Festival Sydney 2006
- 2005 **Charlie Pickering – Solo Show**
Adelaide Comedy Festival

2004	<i>Revolver - Solo Show</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival, NZ International Comedy Festival (Nominated for Best International Show), Cracker Comedy Festival Sydney 2005
2004	<i>Charlie Pickering Live! - Solo Show</i> Adelaide Fringe
2004	<i>Slick - Solo Show</i> Hobart Comedy Festival
2003	<i>Boiling Point 2 – with Michael Chamberlin</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2003	<i>Equal Third – with Terri Psiakis & Michael Chamberlin</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2002	<i>Boiling Point – with Michael Chamberlin</i> Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
1997 – 2001	Various Melbourne International Comedy Festival shows with sketch comedy group 'Enter The Datsun'

Television

2015-21	ABC TV	<i>The Weekly with Charlie Pickering</i> (Writer, Executive Producer, Host)
2015-20	ABC TV	<i>The Yearly with Charlie Pickering</i> (Writer, Executive Producer, Host)
2019	Network Ten	<i>Celebrity Name Game</i> (Guest contestant)
2019	Network Ten	<i>Show Me The Movie</i> (Guest contestant)
2018	ABC TV	<i>Tomorrow Tonight</i> (Writer, Host, Exec Producer)
2018	ABC TV	<i>Melbourne International Comedy Festival Opening Night Gala</i> (Comedy Spot)
2018	Network Ten	<i>Hughesy We Have A Problem</i> (Guest panellist)
2017	ABC TV	<i>ABC Countdown Live NYE 2018</i> (Host)
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2016	Comedy Channel	<i>Just For Laughs Stand Up Series</i> (Comedy Spot)
2016	ABC TV	<i>Planet America</i> (Guest Co-Host)
2014	ABC TV	Q & A (Guest)
2011-14	Network Ten	<i>The Project</i> (Co-Host)
2013	Network Ten	<i>The Election Project</i> (Co-Host)
2013	Network Ten	<i>A League Of Their Own</i> (Guest)
2013	Network Ten	<i>This Week Live</i> (Guest)
2013	Network Ten	<i>Formula 1 Grand Prix coverage – Qantas Lounge Host with Carrie Bickmore.</i>
2012	Disney Channel	<i>Take Two with Phineas and Ferb</i> (Guest)
2012	ABC TV	Q & A (Guest)
2012	Network Ten	<i>The Circle</i> (Regular Guest)
2012	Network Ten	<i>The Living Room</i> (Guest)
2009-11	Network Ten	<i>The 7PM Project</i> (Co-Host)
2009-11	Network Ten	<i>Talkin' 'bout Your Generation</i> (Team Captain)
2010-11	Network Ten	<i>The Circle</i> (Regular Guest)
2010	TV3	@SEVEN (Correspondent)
2010	Network Ten	<i>Ready Steady Cook</i> (Contestant)

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2009	Network Ten	<i>The Shaun Micallef New Years Eve Rave</i> (Guest)
2009	Network Ten	<i>Rove</i> (Guest Segment Presenter)
2008	Channel [V]	<i>CashCab</i> (Host)
2008	Comedy Channel	<i>The Mansion</i> (Creator & Presenter)
2008	Network Ten	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2007	Network Ten	<i>Rove</i> (Stand up Appearance)
2007	ABC TV	<i>The SideShow</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2007	Comedy Channel	<i>Stand Up! Australia</i> (StandUp Appearance)
2007	Comedy Channel	<i>The Mansion: Australia Day Special</i> (Creator & Presenter)
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2006	Paramount UK	The Comedy Store (Stand Up Appearance)
2006	Network Ten	<i>Rove [Live]</i> (Live cross from Edinburgh)
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2006	Network Ten	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2006	Comedy Channel	<i>Cam & Charlie's Melbourne Comedy Experience</i> (Presenter)
2006	Comedy Channel	<i>Thank Comedy It's Friday</i> (Presenter)
2005	Network Ten	<i>Rove [Live]</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2005	Comedy Channel	<i>Short Film Festival How to Guide</i> (Presenter)
2005	TV3-NZ	<i>Sports Tonight</i> (Guest Panellist)
2004	Nine Network	<i>Today</i> (Weekly Comedy Segment)
2004	Network Ten	<i>Rove [Live]</i> (Guest Spot)
2004	ABC-TV	<i>Stand Up!</i> (Regular Writer/Performer)
2004	Phat Planet Films	<i>Mashed!</i> - Pilot (Comedy Writer/Performer)
2004	TV2-NZ	<i>NZ Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2004	ABC Broadband	<i>Comedy Kitchen</i> (Guest Writer/Presenter)
2001 & 2002	ABC TV	<i>The Glass House</i> (Guest Panellist)

Radio

2018-21	Triple M	<i>Kennedy Molloy</i> – National Drive (Regular Guest)
2016	Gold FM	Election Chats with <i>Jo & Lehmo</i> Run up to Election 2016 - Breakfast
2011	Nova National	Breakfast – Two Weeks (Co-Host)
2010	Fox FM (National)	<i>The FiFi Box Show</i> (Regular Guest Co-Host)
2009	Triple M	Weekend Breakfast show <i>Toast</i> (with Terri Psiakis and Justin Hamilton)
2008	Triple M	2 weeks Drive Show fill in, <i>Toast</i>

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2008	Triple M	<i>The Shebang</i> (regular guest co-host)
		Weekend Breakfast Show <i>Toast</i>
		(with Terri Psiakis & Justin Hamilton)
2007	Triple M	Saturday Morning Show <i>Toast</i>
		(with Terri Psiakis & Justin Hamilton)
2006-7	The Edge 96.One	<i>Breakfast</i> (Regular guest co-host)
2006	BBC 2	Fighting Talk – Guest Panellist
2006	BBC Scotland	The Fred McCauley Show Live from the Speigel Tent
2006	Forth Edinburgh	Co-Host Edinburgh Wrap Special
2005	Today Network	<i>Pete's Show</i> – Guest Host with Peter Helliar
2004 & 2005	Radio NZ	<i>Off the Wire</i> (Guest Panellist)
2002 & 2003	Triple J	<i>Drive</i> (Co-host)
2001/02	Triple J	<i>Triple J Weekends</i> (Host)
2001	Triple J	<i>Breakfast</i> (Weekly Spot)

Recordings

2011	Madman Entertainment	<i>Live At The Time of The Recording</i> (Stand-up DVD)
2011	<i>Impractical Jokes</i>	(Audio Book)

Writing

2015 - 16	GQ Australia	Columnist
2013	The Age	Regular Contributor
2010	Allen & Unwin	<i>Impractical Jokes</i> –Book- (Author)
2010	Bigpond News Online	Twice weekly blog on the Australian Election
2009 – 2010	News Limited	Sunday Magazine (Fortnightly Column)
2007- 2009	Network Ten	<i>Rove</i> (Contributing Writer)
2007	Roving Enterprises	<i>rovedaily.com.au</i> (Weekly Contributor)
2006	HA Magazine	Guest Columnist
2005 – 2009	Metropolis Media	<i>City Weekly</i> (Weekly Column)
2005	Herald Sun	Sunday Life Magazine (Guest Columnist)
2005	The Scotsman	Guest Columnist
2005	The Age	'How to...tell a joke' (Guest Columnist)
2005	FHM	<i>The Mass Debate</i> (Column Contributor)
2004	Network Ten	<i>Skithouse</i> (Contributing Writer)
2004	ABC TV	<i>Stand Up!</i> (Writer)

Short Film

2007	Launch Pictures	<i>Top 5 Ways to have Fun at Work</i> (Lead) Directed by Steve Baker
2004	Curvaceous Films	<i>Two Minutes to Midnight</i> (Vince) Directed by Charlotte George

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Awards

- 2018 8th AACTA Awards – Winner – Best Entertainment Program
- 2017 TV Week Logie Awards – Nominee - Most Outstanding Entertainment Program – The Weekly with Charlie Pickering
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- 2016 49th Australian Writers Guild Awards – Winner – Comedy, Sketch or Light Entertainment – The Weekly with Charlie Pickering, ‘Halal Certification’ and ‘Stadium Naming Rights’ segments
- 2016 16th Screen Producers Australia Awards – Finalist – Light Entertainment Series Production – The Weekly with Charlie Pickering, Guesswork Television
- 2015 5th AACTA Awards – Winner – Best Light Entertainment Television Series: The Weekly with Charlie Pickering
- 2015 Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Awards – Winner – Media Award: The Weekly with Charlie Pickering, story on budget cuts to the Australian Aid Program.
- 2013 TV Tonight Awards, Winner – Best Light Entertainment: The Project
- 2013 TV Week Logies Awards, Nominee – Most Popular Light Entertainment Program – The Project
- 2011 GQ Men of the Year Awards, Media Personality of the Year - Winner
- 2010 TV Week Logies Awards – Winner - Most Popular Light Entertainment Program, Talkin’ ‘bout your Generation
- 2010 TV Week Logies Awards – Winner - Most Outstanding Light Entertainment Program, Talkin’ ‘bout your Generation
- 2010 TV Week Logies Awards, Nominee – Most Popular New Male Talent
- 2007 Best Established Comedy Nominee – Adelaide Fringe Festival
- 2006 Melbourne Comedy Festival Award Nominee – Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2005 Perrier Best Newcomer Nominee – Edinburgh Fringe
Best International Guest – NZ Comedy Guild Awards
- 2004 Nominated for ‘Best International Show’ for *Revolver* at the NZ International Comedy Festival
- 2002 Winner of the ‘Piece of Wood Award’ (an award chosen by fellow comedians) with Michael Chamberlin at the Melbourne Comedy Festival for *Boiling Point*
- 2002 Winner of the Maurie Awards New Comic of the Year

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