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## Frank Woodley

### Comedian / Professional Show Off

**Frank Woodley** is built from funny – it’s in his bones. Whether he’s being a comedian, clown, actor or acrobat, he is constantly creating characters and worlds to engage audiences of all ages. He is Australia’s most-loved professional show-off, and his special brand of nonsense-genius has seen him create numerous stage shows – *Possessed*, *Inside*, and *F\*#@#!KING CLOWN* amongst others – as well as his own ABC TV series, *Woodley*.

Since emerging from the Perrier Award-winning duo Lano and Woodley in 2006, Frank has toured around Australia and every major comedy festival. He also starred against type as the Dog Catcher in family film *Oddball*, stretched his musical legs in his collaboration with Harvest Rain (playing Sir Robin in Monty Python’s *Spamalot* at QPAC) and as the Inspector in *Lemony Snicket’s The Composer Is Dead* at the Sydney Opera House, the Melbourne Recital Centre, and the Adelaide Cabaret Festival. In 2019 he starred as Sir Andrew Aguecheek in the Melbourne Theatre Company’s acclaimed production of *Twelfth Night*.

He performed his children’s show *Noodlenut* around Australia, including a season at the Sydney Opera House, and has written three hilarious books for kids about a girl detective called *Kizmet*.

Frank is a regular guest on numerous Australian television shows including ABC’s *The Weekly with Charlie Pickering*, music quiz show *Spicks and Specks*, Network 10’s *Good News Week* and was an audience favourite on *Thank God You’re Here*. Frank is also Team Captain on the Australian version of *Would I Lie To You* that is entering it’s second season on Network 10.

He also appeared in Amazon Prime’s smash hit **Last One Laughing Australia**. Hosted by Rebel Wilson, the show sees ten of Australia’s top comedians in a psychological battle to see who can keep a straight face while simultaneously trying to make their opponents laugh. Spoiler alert – he bloody won.

After reuniting with Colin Lane as part of the Melbourne Comedy Festival’s 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash at the Regent Theatre in 2016, for a surprise performance that brought the house down. It naturally led to a serious “Waddya reckon?” chat. “Waddya reckon?” soon turned into “Yeah, why not?” and Lano & Woodley returned to the stage in an all-new show *FLY*, which won the 2018 Melbourne Comedy Festival People’s Choice Award and sold out theatres around the country. *FLY* was recorded by Amazon Prime in 2019 and premiered on the Prime Video service in 2020.

This year Frank and Colin Lane embarked on a national tour of arguably, their most ambitious show yet, *Moby Dick*. The show uses the classic tale of the demented Captain Ahab and his obsession with taking revenge on the whale that bit off his leg, as a springboard for Lano & Woodley to become entangled in their own crazy and hilarious conflict with each other.

*"Five stars is simply not enough" - ★★★★★*  
The Advertiser, Adelaide

*"you must leap out of your chair and sacrifice life and limb to buy a ticket" ★★★★★*  
Sunday Herald Sun, Melbourne

*"one of our most naturally gifted comedians" ★★★★★*  
The Age, Melbourne

*"Woodley has so cleverly matured into the most immature performer in Australian comic history"*  
Courier Mail, Brisbane

*"he is undoubtedly one of the best physical comics in Australia." ★★★★★*  
The Advertiser, South Australia

*"Comedy doesn't come much better than this. Seriously."*  
The Herald Sun, Melbourne

*"As universal as it is timeless" The Guardian, UK*

*"A unique brand of larrikin absurdity that is never less than clever and frequently brilliant." Sydney Morning Herald*

*"Irresistible comedy that will have you giggling like a little kid. "*  
The Sunday Mail, Adelaide

*"Endlessly inventive mirth-making" The Herald, Scotland*

### **Live Shows – Solo**

- 2020 **F\*#@#KING CLOWN**  
Adelaide Fringe Festival
- 2017 **I, Woodley**  
Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Wollongong, Sydney Comedy Festival, Fremantle Arts Festival
- 2016-17 **Noodlenut (children's show)**  
Arts Centre Melbourne, Adelaide Fringe, Canberra Comedy Festival, Wagga Wagga, Awesome Kids Festival, Lismore, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2017, Cairns, Sydney Opera House
- 2016 **Extra Ordinary**  
Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Canberra Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney & Perth Comedy Festivals
- 2014 **Fool's Gold**  
Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Powerhouse, Ten Days on the Island, Perth International Comedy Festival, Darwin Festival.
- 2013 **Inside – with Simon Yates**  
Sydney Festival, Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne Comedy Festival
- 2012 **Bemusement Park**  
Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Festival
- 2010 **Bewilderbeest**  
Adelaide Fringe, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2008 **Possessed**  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Sydney Opera House, Brisbane Powerhouse, Regal Theatre - Perth, Assembly Rooms (Music Hall) - Edinburgh Fringe.

2005, 2007 *Frank Woodley Live*  
Sydney Comedy Store  
2003 *The Happy Dickwit*  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival

### Writing

2017 Kizmet and the case of The Pirate Treasure (Author + Illustrator)  
2015 Kizmet and the case of The Tassie Tiger (Author + Illustrator)  
2015 Kizmet and the case of The Smashed Violin (Author + Illustrator)  
Published by Penguin Books

### Other Notable Live Work

2020 *Plot Twist* – Podcast for Audible and MICF  
2020 *The Stand Up Sessions*  
Recorded at Stupid Old Studios, for Victoria Together and MICF  
2018 *Twelfth Night* (Sir Andrew Aguecheek), Dir: Simon Phillips  
Melbourne Theatre Company  
2015 - 16 *The Composer Is Dead!* By Lemony Snicket,  
Julia Holt/Melbourne Recital Centre, Riverside Parramatta & Sydney  
Opera House, Adelaide Cabaret Festival, Hamer Hall with Melbourne  
Symphony Orchestra.  
2014 *Spamalot* (Sir Robin), Dir: Tim O'Connor, Harvest Rain/QPAC  
Brisbane.  
2014 *The Composer Is Dead!* By Lemony Snicket, with the Sydney Youth  
Orchestra, Dir: Craig Illott,  
Sydney Opera House.  
2013 *Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow*  
Hong Kong, Singapore  
2009-10 *Optimism* – Directed by Michael Kantor.  
Malthouse Theatre, Melbourne, Edinburgh International Festival,  
Sydney Opera House, Sydney Festival  
2007 *Complete Works of William Shakespeare* (abridged)  
Cremorne Theatre, QPAC - Brisbane, Regal Theatre

### Film & Television

2022 ESA/ Network Ten Would I Lie To You (Team Captain)  
2021 ABC TV The Weekly with Charlie Pickering (key writer &  
performer, Season 7)  
2020 Feature Film Daisy Quokka: World's Scariest Animal (Voice of  
Flightless Feather)  
2020 Feature Film Combat Wombat (Voice of Flightless Feather)  
2020 Amazon Prime LOL: Last One Laughing (Winner)  
2019 ABC TV The InBESTigators (Guest)  
2018-20 ABC TV Spicks and Specks Reunion (Guest)  
2014 - 20 Network Ten The Project (Guest at the Desk)  
2018 ABC TV Melbourne International Comedy Festival Opening  
Night Gala (Comedy Spot as Lano and Woodley)  
2018 Network Ten Show Me The Movie! (Guest)  
2017 ABC TV The Ex-PM (Guest)  
2017 ABC TV Melbourne International Comedy Festival Oxfam Gala  
(Comedy Spot)  
2017 Network Ten CRAM (Guest)  
2016 Animated Short Fish with Legs (Voice of Charlie)  
2015 Feature Film Oddball (Dog Catcher)  
2014 Network Ten Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala  
(Stand Up)  
2013 ABC TV Tractor Monkeys (Guest)  
2013 ABC TV Slideshow (Guest)

2012	Feature Film	Kath & Kimderella (Castle Translator)
2012	ABC TV	Woodley (Writer, Producer and Lead)
2011	ABC TV	Judith Lucy's Spiritual Journey (Interviewee)
2011	ABC TV	Adam Hills in Gordon St Tonight (Guest)
2010	Network TEN	Talkin' Bout Your Generation
2010, 2014	Network TEN	MICF Gala (Stand Up Appearance)
2008-10	Network TEN	Good News Week (Regular)
2009	Nine Network	Hey Hey It's Saturday Reunion Special (Guest)
2006-9	Network TEN	Thank God You're Here (Guest x 6)

### **Live Shows – Lano and Woodley**

2022	<i>MOBY DICK</i> National Tour
2021	<i>Lano and Woodley in: Lano and Woodley</i> Melbourne Comedy Festival, Sydney Opera House, Malthouse Summer Stage, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Powerhouse, Comedy Theatre Melbourne
2018-19	<i>FLY</i> Canberra Theatre, Newcastle, Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Theatre Royal Hobart, Regal Theatre Perth, Brisbane Powerhouse, Enmore Theatre Sydney, Chatswood Concourse Sydney, Hamer Hall Melbourne, Darwin, Cairns, Warragul, Bendigo, return season Adelaide Fringe 2019, Return Season Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2019 Sydney Opera House, Mildura, Wollongong, Port Macquarie, Gold Coast, Wagga Wagga Comedy Festival, Malthouse Theatre
2006	<i>Lano &amp; Woodley Good Bye</i> National Tour
2005	<i>Lano &amp; Woodley Sing Songs</i> Hi-Fi Bar - Melbourne, Brisbane Powerhouse, Octagon Theatre – Perth, Newtown - Sydney, Governor Hindmarsh - Adelaide, Sale – Victoria
2004	<i>The Island</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Sydney Opera House 2005, Ten Days On The Island Festival 2005
2002	<i>Glitzy</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2001	<i>Bruiser</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Victorian Regional Tour, Adelaide Cabaret Festival, Sydney Opera House 2002, Perth Comedy Festival 2002, Adelaide Fringe Festival 2002. Victorian and South Australian Regional Tour 2003
2000	<i>Slick</i> Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Victorian Suburban Tour
1999	<i>Lano &amp; Woodley at The Continental</i> Continental Café in Melbourne
1997	<i>Lano &amp; Woodley Live</i> Comedy Theatre - Melbourne, Seymour Centre - Sydney, His Majesty's Theatre – Perth
1995	<i>Curtains</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Auckland Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Royal Festival Hall in London, Adelaide Fringe Festival 1996, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 1996,

Wellington International Festival 1996, National Festival of Australian Theatre 1996

1993 *Fence*

Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Festival of Sydney 1994, Adelaide Fringe Festival 1994, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 1994, Auckland Comedy Festival 1994, Edinburgh Fringe Festival 1994, British Festival of Visual Theatre 1994, Perrier Pick of the Fringe at the Lyric Theatre in London 1994, Cochrane Theatre in London 1994, Castlemaine Festival 1994, Athenaeum Theatre in Melbourne 1994, Sydney Opera House 1995, Festival of Perth 1995, National Festival of Australian Theatre 1996

1993 *The Last Laugh Christmas Show – Ensemble Show*  
Last Laugh in Melbourne

### **Awards**

- 2018 Winner Melbourne International Comedy Festival People's Choice Award for *Lano & Woodley – FLY*
- 2018 Nominee Melbourne Comedy Festival Award for *Lano & Woodley – FLY*
- 2016 Winner Adelaide Fringe Weekly Award for Best Children's Show
- 2012 Nominated for AACTA Award for Best Performance in a Television Comedy
- 2009 Winner of Herald Angel Award for his role in Optimism while playing at The Edinburgh Arts Festival
- 2009 Nominee for AFI Award for Best Short Animation for *Chicken of God*
- 2006 Winner of Helpmann Award for Best Comedy for *Lano & Woodley Goodbye*
- 1994 Winner of Perrier Pick of the Fringe Award for Best Show for *Lano & Woodley in Fence* at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival

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