

# **Rove McManus**

# **Biography**

Rove McManus is one the most recognisable faces in Australian comedy.

Starting his career as a stand up, Rove went on to create one of the most successful talk shows in Australian TV history – *Rove Live*.

Launching at 11pm in 1999, the show went on to be a primetime hit, dominating the aughts with some of the biggest names on the planet making time to sit with Rove including Hugh Jackman, Angelina Jolie, Harrison Ford, Cameron Diaz, Matt Damon, Will Smith, Pink, Sir David Attenborough, U2 and Elmo. He went on to present two series of his own LA based series, Rove LA for platforms in the US, UK and Australia while he was also holding down his own segment on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno – Rove Across America*.

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Rove scored three Gold Logies and the show provided a launch pad for some of the biggest names in Australian comedy. It also made his company, Roving Enterprises one of the most prolific producers of television with the nightly news show, *The Project*, still produced by the company.

Rove is also a successful children's author with three titles released through Scholastic and is actively developing a new entertainment series with Disney Plus called *What's Your Toy Story*.

Over this more than twenty-year story Rove has never stopped headlining at clubs and festivals, writing and performing stand-up comedy. It has been a constant through more than two decades of over-achieving. His upbeat, positive stand up is a reflection of his relentless invention and curiosity – a joy bomb that fill theatres and surprises audiences when Rove jumps up in any room with a mic and a half decent PA as he moves around the country.

There has never been a better time to catch up with Rove, whether it's in two or three dimensions.

"Now this is how you perform stand-up." ★★★★ Chortle, 2023

"A few years from now there's a real chance we will look back on September, 1999 as the time we saw the start of a network TV career of a young guy who may well turn out to be one of the biggest names in the business" Robert Fidgeon, Herald Sun



# **Television and Film (Performing)**

2014 - 2022	Ten Network	The Project (Guest Host)
2020		Monster Beach
2018 - 2019	7TWO	Kitty is Not a Cat
2018	Ten Network	Show Me The Movie! (Host)
2017	ABC	Whovians (Host)
2015	GSN (US)	Lie Detectors (Host)
2014	FOX (US)	Riot (Host)
2014		I (US) @ Midnight (Guest)
2010 - 2014		The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (Regular)
2013	SBS	Who Do You Think You Are?
2012		k Exchange Student Zero (Voice)
2011 - 2012		ROVE LA (Host & Producer)
2009 -		Chelsea Lately (Panel Guest)
2009	Ten Network	Are You Smarter Than A 5 <sup>th</sup> Grader? Series 3 (Host &
Producer)		
2009	Ten Network	Rove, Series 10 (Host & Producer)
2008	ABC (US)	The List – TV Special (Host)
2008	Ten Network	22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual ARIA Awards(Presenter &
0000	Tara Niatarania	Producer)
2008	Ten Network	Are You Smarter Than A 5 <sup>th</sup> Grader? Series 2 (Host &
Producer)	Top Notwork	Dava Carina O (Llast & Dradusar)
2008	Ten Network	Rove, Series 9 (Host & Producer)
2007 2007	Ten Network Ten Network	21 <sup>st</sup> Annual ARIA Awards (Host & Producer) Are You Smarter Than A 5 <sup>th</sup> Grader? Series 1 (Host &
Producer)	rennetwork	Are You Smarter man A 5" Grader? Selies I (Host &
2007 - 2012	NRC (US)	Tonight Show with Jay Leno (Guest/Regular)
2007 - 2012	Ten Network	Rove, Series 8 (Host & Producer)
2006		ove [Live], Series 7 (Host & Producer)
2005		ove [Live], Series 6 (Host & Producer)
2005		eriously Forty (Co-Host)
2004	Ten Network	Rove [Live], Series 5 (Host & Producer)
2004	Ten Network	18 <sup>th</sup> Annual ARIA Awards (Host & Producer)
2003	Disney Pixar	Finding Nemo (Voice)
2003	Ten Network	17th Annual ARIA Awards (Host & Producer)
2003	Ten Network	Rove [Live], Series 4 (Host & Producer)
2002	Ten Network	16th Annual ARIA Awards (Host & Producer)
2002	Ten Network	Rove [Live], Series 3 – 40 eps (Host & Producer)
2001	Ten Network	Rove [Live], Series 2 – 41 eps (Host & Producer)
2001	Ten Network	Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras (Host)
2000	Ten Network	Rove [Live], 10 x 1 hour live eps (Host &
		Producer)
2000	Ten Network	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual ARIA Awards (Host)
2000	Ten Network	Melbourne Comedy Festival <i>Debate</i> (Debater)
1999	Nine Network	MILLENIUM New Year's Eve Telecast (Co-Host)
1999	Nine Network	<u>rove</u> , 9 eps (Host & Producer)
1999	Nine Network	Simply The Best – Television (Panellist)
1999	Nine Network	Super Debate (Debater x 3)
1999	Nine Network	Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala (Host)
1998 – 2000	A D O T : 'T	
1007 1007	ABC-TV/Ten	Good News Week (Regular Panellist)
1997 – 1998 1996	) ABC-TV/Ten 3 Channel 31 ABC-TV	Good News Week (Regular Panellist) The Loft Live (Host & Producer) Something Hot Before Bed (Stand Up x 2)



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### **Television (Producing)**

2009-2022	Ten Network	The Project
2004-2013	Ten Network	Before The Game, Series 1 - 10 (Co-exec
		Producer)
2011-2013	FOX-8/TVGN (	US)Rove LA, Series 1&2 (Producer)
2000-2009	Ten Network	Rove Live, Series 1-9 (Producer)
2006	Ten Network	Real Stories, (Co-exec Producer)
2004	Ten Network	skitHOUSE, Series 2 (Co-executive Producer)
2003	Ten Network	After The Game (Co-executive Producer)
2003	Ten Network	skitHOUSE, Series 1 (Co-executive Producer)
1999	Nine Network	rove, Series 1 (Producer)

## Live Comedy

2022 Rove McManus - Loosey Goosey - Solo Show

Regal Theatre - Perth, Garden of Unearthly Delights - Adelaide

2017 - 2018 Rove McManus - That's Me Talking - Solo Show

Heath Ledger Theatre – Perth, Garden of Unearthly Delights – Adelaide, Ithaca Auditorium – Brisbane, Comedy Theatre, Melbourne, Comedy Store, Sydney, Spiegeltent - Newcastle, Spiegeltent - Canberra

2017 – 2018 The Popular Experiment with Rove McManus – Ensemble Show

Giant Dwarf - Sydney

Just For Laughs Comedy Festival (Montreal) 2013 Just For Laughs Comedy Festival (Montreal) 2010

Gala and various club appearances.

Rove McManus 2008 Australian Stand Up Tour - Solo Show 2008

Thebarton Theatre – Adelaide, Melbourne Town Hall - Melbourne,

Enmore Theatre - Sydney, Brisbane Convention Centre - Brisbane, Perth

Concert Hall - Perth

2005 Rove McManus Stands Up – Solo Show

> Athenaeum Theatre - Melbourne, Enmore Theatre - Sydney, Perth Concert Hall - Perth, Canberra Theatre - Canberra, Thebarton Theatre -Adelaide, Brisbane Convention Centre – Brisbane, St James Theatre –

Auckland, Opera House – Wellington.

2001 Rove [Live] Live – with Corinne Grant & Peter Helliar

Riverside Theatre – Parramatta, Twelfth Night Theatre – Brisbane, Regal

Theatre – Perth

Rove [Live] Live - with Corinne Grant, Dave Callan & Peter Helliar 2000

Hi-Fi Bar - Melbourne, Metro - Svdnev

Rove - Live As - Solo Show 2000

Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne International Comedy Festival

The Cast of rove Live - with Corinne Grant, Dave Callan & Peter Helliar 1999

Prince Patrick Hotel – Melbourne

1999 Waiting For Munro – with Corinne Grant

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

1999 Shame: The College Years - with Corinne Grant, Kim Hope & Adam

Richard

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

1998 Shame – with Adam Richard, Kim Hope & Corinne Grant

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Superhero Street (Cast Member) 1997

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Fitzroy Lounging Off - with various artists 1996

Melbourne Fringe Festival



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\*\* Rove has also made various stand up appearances at numerous venues since 1993, as well as campus and corporate functions.

#### **Radio**

2017	SCA	2Day FM Evenings "Rove & Sam"
2015 - 2016	SCA	2Day FM Breakfast "Rove & Sam"
2004	Austereo Network	Rove Live Radio
	& Regional Synd.	(Host with Corinne Grant & Peter Helliar)

2001 - 2003 Austereo Network Saturday Morning Rove

(Host with Corinne Grant & Peter Helliar)

2001Austereo NetworkBreakfast guest in all territories20002Day FMThe Morning Crew (Regular guest)1999Triple JThe Breakfast Show (Weekly Spot)

1993 - 1995 RTR-FM (Perth) Breakfast (Weekly Spot)

#### Other Releases

2003	DVD – Rove 99 – The Channel Nine Tapes	Sony Music
2002	CD - Rove Live Some More Music	Sony Music
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### **Awards**

2005

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2010	Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards
	Awesome Aussie Award
2009	Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards
	Favourite TV Star
	Favourite Aussie
2009	TV Week Logie Awards
	Silver Logie for Most Popular Presenter
	Logie for Most Popular Light Entertainment/Comedy Program
2009	GQ Media Personality of The Year
2008	Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards
	Favourite TV Star
	Favourite Aussie
2008	TV Week Logie Awards
	Silver Logie for Most Popular Presenter
2007	Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards
	Favourite TV Star - Male
2007	TV Week Logie Awards
	Silver Logie for Most Popular Presenter
	Logie for Most Popular Light Entertainment/Comedy Program
2006	Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards
	Funniest Person
2006	TV Week Logie Awards
	Silver Logie for Most Popular TV Presenter

Gold Logie for Most Popular Personality on Australian TV.

Logie for Most Popular Light Entertainment/Comedy Program

TV Week Logie Awards

Silver Logie for Most Popular Presenter

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Silver Logie for Most Popular Presenter
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TV Week Logie Awards
Most Popular Light Entertainment/Comedy Program
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