

Daniel Townes: Comedian

“Daniel Townes is a small-name comedian with a big talent. It feels like you’re sitting down with a mate, discussing the ridiculousness of life. Townes is genuinely funny, I highly recommend him to anyone tired of seeing big names coast on their reputations.”

- The Age

International Australian comedian Daniel Townes first hit the Sydney comedy scene with his acerbic, intelligent, and laid-back stand-up style in 2003, and quickly made his mark as one of the country’s best live acts and most sought after comedians. His live performances are packed with killer one-liners, insightful social commentary, and dark and hilarious personal stories.

“It takes real talent to summarise all our shortcomings as a society and still entertain an audience. Luckily, Daniel Townes is a very talented comedian.”

- The Music 2015

Constantly in demand, he’s performed at the prestigious invite-only Just For Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal, and won over audiences worldwide with his disarming delivery, dry wit, and cheeky smile: headlining and hosting at comedy clubs throughout Australia, the UK, Singapore, Hong Kong, Germany, Spain, Ireland, South Africa, Canada, The Netherlands, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Doha. In 2016 he performed at the Just For Laughs Australia Stand Up Series, filmed at the Studio at The Sydney Opera House for The Comedy Channel, and in 2017 he appeared on the ABC2 Comedy Up Late series at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and Cracker Night for Sydney Comedy Festival on The Comedy Channel.

Daniel is a regular feature at comedy and fringe festivals around the globe, and has performed a new show at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival every year since 2005 - with successful seasons also at Adelaide Fringe, Perth International Comedy Festival, Sydney Fringe Festival, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and Sydney Comedy Festival, where in 2011 he was nominated for Time Out Magazines Sydney’s Best Comedian Award, and the Peoples Choice Award. He’s toured Australia wide with the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow since 2007 and hosted the Hong Kong and Singapore tours in 2013.

“A stand-up’s stand-up, he eschews contrived themes and narrative for an hour dense with jokes, searing observation and the odd deliberate groaner. His rapid-fire delivery means you probably get more gags per minute than from any other comic at the Fringe.”

- riptup.com.au

Townes is also no stranger to performing on the outdoor comedy stages of music Festivals, including; Homebake Music Festival (Sydney), Splendour In The Grass (Byron Bay), Falls Festival (Australia wide), Southbound Music Festival (WA); and also the V Festival, Leeds Festival, and Reading Festival in the UK.

“Pound for pound, one of the best Australian stand-ups going around. The fact that his name might not be familiar is entirely your fault. He is that good. It’s like spending an hour with a mate who’s funnier, warmer and more intelligent than the ones you’ve already got.

- GQ Magazine 2017

Besides constantly lighting up comedy clubs and festivals around the world, he's appeared on Good News Week, The Footy Show, The Comedy Channel's Stand Up Australia and Sydney Comedy Festival's Cracker Night, ABC TV's Stand-Up, Comedy Train on Humour TV in the Netherlands, and also hosts The Daniel Townes Podcast, a weekly conversation with comedians from around the world.

He was recently featured in the 2015 BuzzFeed list of the funniest comedians to follow on Twitter.

His first live DVD, *Previously*, was recorded at the Sydney Comedy Store in 2011 and is available in high definition on iTunes, his second live show is currently being edited and will be released in Autumn 2017.

"Special mention to Daniel Townes' laid-back, one-liner comedy for making stand-up look so easy, anyone can do it, right?"

- **The Music 2016**

"Dazzlingly funny."

- **Herald Sun 2015**

"This highly personal and honest reflection is a touching journey interspersed with top-mark laughs, clever call-backs and acerbic social commentary."

- **Herald Sun 2014**

Disarmingly frank and laugh-out-loud funny, this is a show I would recommend highly."

- **Squirrel Comedy 2014**

"Townes shows his years of experience as a performer in knowing how and when to throw in the one-liners, non-sequiturs, dad-jokes and call-backs"

- **Arts Hub Perth**

"Daniel Townes is a fine example of interesting, intelligent and hilarious stand-up."

- **rhum.org.au**

"Fascinating...Freaking hilarious... You're in absolutely safe hands with this guy."

- **RTR FM Perth**

"A breath of fresh air"

- **Rolling Stone Magazine**

"There wasn't one joke from Townes that didn't receive a massive response."

- **Midwest Times**

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