

**A**unty Donna exploded onto the Melbourne comedy scene in 2012 with a unique brand of surreal, fast paced, alternative sketch. Their debut show *Aunty Donna in Pantsuits* was nominated for the illustrious Melbourne International Comedy Festival's Golden Gibbo Award, and the Donna's have since gone on to create an award winning YouTube channel, garnering over 182 thousand+ subscribers and 31 million+ views.

Having met throughout high-school and their time at the University of Ballarat Arts Academy, Aunty Donna are a collective of creative cats dedicated to bringing the funny across all mediums: actor / writers Mark Samuel Bonanno, Broden Kelly and Zachary Ruane, writer / director Sam Lingham, film director / editor Max Miller and sound designer / composer Tom Armstrong all come together to bring Aunty Donna's wildly entertaining style of comedy to life.

Aunty Donna's online presence is massive, they developed award winning '1999', an original web series exclusively for YouTube thanks to Screen Australia and Google's Skip Ahead funding before moving onto television with 'Trendy' the first piece of local content commissioned by Comedy Central Australia and a pilot for ABC as part of the Fresh Blood Comedy Initiative. They also filmed their first Live Special at Sydney's Enmore Theatre for ABC as part of their Comedy Next Gen series.

On the live side of things 2016 & 2017 were breakthrough years for Aunty Donna, they played to sold out crowds on the Australian & New Zealand Comedy Festival circuits before embarking on their first national solo tour.

They returned to London & Edinburgh and in June 2017 headed out on their first North American Tour which saw them perform to huge numbers in eleven cities.

2018 has to be their biggest year yet, having already taken on 2 return tours of North America and Canada, debuting their new stage show 'Glennridge Secondary College' on the Australian Festival circuit, and most excitingly releasing their first music album 'The Album', which dropped in April to rave reviews and has earned them an ARIA Award nomination for Best Comedy Release. Aunty Donna are crossing over all platforms.

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## AWARDS

- » **2018** Best Show, Sydney Comedy Festival
- » **2016** Director's Choice Award, Sydney Comedy Festival
- » **2016** Best Ensemble for '1999', Melbourne Web Fest
- » **2013** Best Ensemble Sketch Comedy, LA Webfest
- » **2013** Best Production, LA Webfest
- » **2012** People's Choice Award, Melbourne Fringe Festival

## THEATRE (FULL ORIGINAL SHOWS)

- » **2018** Aunty Donna - Glennridge Secondary College
- » **2017** Aunty Donna - Big Boys
- » **2016** Aunty Donna - New Show
- » **2015** Aunty Donna
- » **2014** Aunty Donna's World's Greatest Showbag
- » **2014** Aunty Donna (Best Of show performed in Edinburgh & Sydney)
- » **2013** Aunty Donna and the Fax Machine Shop: A Murder Mystery (MICF)
- » **2012** Aunty Donna in Pantsuits

## NOMINATIONS

- » **2018** ARIA Award Nomination - Best Comedy Release
- » **2017** Helpmann Awards Best Comedy Performer
- » **2014** Comics Choice, Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- » **2012** Golden Gibbo, Melbourne International Comedy Festival

## STATS

- » **YOUTUBE** 35 million+ views, 193 thousand+ subscribers
- » **FACEBOOK** 57 thousand+ likes
- » **TWITTER** 15.6 thousand+ followers
- » **INSTAGRAM** 27.5 thousand+ followers

