

Rhys Nicholson

Comedian. Writer. Craft Enthusiast.

Razor sharp, daring and downright lascivious, Rhys Nicholson is a wit quickly gaining international acclaim.

After winning Best Newcomer at Sydney Comedy Festival in 2012, Rhys has gone on to perform all over the world, including Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Dublin's Vodafone Comedy Festival and London's prestigious SOHO Theatre, garnering audience and critical praise. They also quite liked his nice jackets.

It's been a huge few years for Rhys, his most recent solo show *Seminal* has had great success both in Australia and overseas taking out the **Best International Show Award** at the 2018 New Zealand International Comedy Festival, as well as being nominated for the **Helpmann Awards' Best Comedy Performer** of 2018. This was after a tremendous 2017 in which Rhys picked up an **ARIA nomination for Best Comedy Release** for his filmed special *'Live at Darlinghurst Theatre'*. Rhys has also received a nomination for the illustrious **Barry Award** for his 2016 show *'Bona Fide'*.

Aside from gaining huge acclaim for his solo shows, Rhys publicly married lesbian and fellow comedian Zoe Coombs Marr at the 2016 Melbourne International Comedy Festival to highlight the importance of marriage equality in Australia. He was also the

subject of an Archibald Prize finalist by Melissa Ritchie entitled 'Rhys Smart Mouth'.

Rhys has plastered his jagged face all over Australian TV – chatting candidly to then Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull about red heads (and other things) on Ch10's **The Project**, has been a panellist on **Hughesy, We Have A Problem**, and on the comedy show **CRAM**, as well as Ch9's **Talkin' 'Bout Your Generation**. He was co-host with Joel Creasey on ABCTV's celebrated documentary **GayCrashers**, appeared on **Dirty Laundry Live**, and on Ch7's **Morning Show Style Squad** as well as **Orange Is The New Brown**. Rhys has also performed stand up on Melbourne International Comedy Festival Oxfam Gala for the last 3 years running (Network 10 and ABC), ABC2's **Comedy Up Late**, **JFL Stand Up Series** and **The Sydney Comedy Festival Gala**. Rhys has also hit TV screens overseas appearing on the New Zealand Panel Show **7 Days** and early in 2018 filmed a comedy special in front of a live audience in London for the BBC.



Back home he is a fixture in the Australian comedy scene as a Sydney Comedy Store regular and headliner in clubs all over the country. Known within the

industry for unrelenting, rapid fire punchlines, he has supported the likes of **Amy Schumer (US)**, **Kathy Griffin (US)**, **Fiona O'loughlin** and **Wil Anderson**.

And this is just the beginning...

Quotes

"Nicholson is an astute satirist of the world around him. Clever, a bit below-the-belt... blatantly very funny"

★★★★★

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD
2015

"Evolving into an incisive wizard of stinging wit."

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD
2014

Live Shows

Seminal (2018) Won Best International Show NZICF
I'm Fine (2017) Nominated Best Show NZICF

Bona Fide (2016) Nominated Barry Award MICF

Forward (2015) Nominated Best Show PCF

Eurgh (2014)

Dawn of a New Error (2013) Won Best Joke SCF

Almost A Person (2012) Won Best Newcomer SCF

Film & TV

Orange is the New Brown Channel 7

Talkin' 'Bout Your Generation Channel 9

Hughsey, We Have A Problem Channel 10

Cram Channel 10

The Project Channel 10

Gaycrashers ABCTV 7

Days Three, New Zealand

Just For Laughs Stand Up

Series Comedy Channel
Sydney Comedy Festival

Cracker Night Comedy Channel
The Feed SBS

Dirty Laundry ABCTV
Comedy Up Late 2014 & 2015 ABC2

The Morning Show - Style Squad Channel 7

Housos VS Authority Feature Film

Making Friends With Rhys Nicholson Webseries

Just Came Out, Balls Of Steel Series 1 & 2, Comedy Channel