

# Media Release

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## Side-splitting laughs coming to GECC with return of renowned Roadshow

Australia's ultimate comedy road trip is returning with a cracking line-up of comedians ready to leave Gladstone in stitches.

Now in its 25th year, the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow aims to roll out the best stand up, sketch and satire across venues in all corners of the country.

Gladstone will get its turn to laugh out loud on Saturday 29 April when the Roadshow hits the stage at Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC).

Get ready for a stellar line-up with Roadshow favourites alongside the most talked-about breakthrough stars of the moment, together in one jam-packed show that is sure to leave the whole nation laughing.

Led by comedian and MC Brett Blake, the Roadshow also features Anirban Dasgupta (India), Bronwyn Kuss, He Huang and Stuart Daulman.

Last year's show saw comedians perform to a sold-out crowd, so get your mates together and book your tickets now!

### **Details**

Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow  
7.30pm, Saturday 29 April  
GECC – 56 Goondoon Street

Visit [www.gladstoneentertainment.com](http://www.gladstoneentertainment.com) to purchase tickets.

### **Comedian Profiles**

#### **Brett Blake (MC)**

Self-identifying bogan genius Brett Blake is a whip-smart, high spirited stand up who has performed widely across Australia and the UK.

His unpretentious look belies vulnerability and willingness to explore complex issues on stage. His material runs the gamut of living with dyslexia to truck licenses and he is the only comic who physically built the venue he performed in at the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

Brett has performed his solo shows to sold-out crowds the last two festival seasons and shows no sign of slowing down.

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### **Bronwyn Kuss**

Bronwyn Kuss is a writer and comedian who specialises in giving extremely dry recounts of everyday tragedies to astonishing comedic effect.

So astonishingly in fact, that Bronwyn's debut solo show *Any Goss* saw her win the 2022 Melbourne International Comedy Festival's Director's Choice Award, alongside Wil Anderson. She was also nominated for the prestigious Best Newcomer Award.

Based in Melbourne but born and bred in Ipswich, Bronwyn gave stand-up a crack for the first time in 2017.

A few months later, she won RAW Comedy Queensland, and performed at the RAW National Final at the 2018 Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

### **Anirban Dasgupta**

Kolkata-born, Mumbai-based Anirban Dasgupta is a stand-up comedian and writer with a distinct comedic style.

Since leaving behind his career as a corporate salesman, Anirban has headlined at major comedy clubs and festivals around India and abroad.

After several popular YouTube videos, he released his first stand-up special *Take It Easy*, in black and white on Amazon Prime Video to overwhelming acclaim.

Following that, he co-wrote and co-created *Afsos*, a first-of-its kind black comedy thriller series on Amazon Prime Video that was released in 2020 to rave reviews.

### **He Huang**

Originally from a small town in southwest China, He Huang got her masters in the USA then abandoned real work for live comedy.

In 2021 she was a RAW Comedy National Finalist and was selected for the Comedy Zone in the Melbourne International Comedy Festival in 2022. She has recently been on *Australia's Got Talent* and her audition was a global viral hit accumulating more 60-million views on various social media platforms.

### **Stuart Daulman**

Stuart has been performing both on stage and in front of the camera for over 20 years. From *Rosehaven* to *The Weekly with Charlie Pickering*, *Hamish and Andy's True Story* and *Utopia* his is a familiar face on our screens.

In 2018 he received the prestigious Moosehead Award for his solo show, *Death of a Daulman* and followed this up with critically acclaimed shows in the 2019, 2021 and 2022 Melbourne International Comedy Festivals.

Stuart has also performed at Splendour in the Grass, Falls Festival and various other festivals around Australia.

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