Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Elders, families and descendants of the Wurundjeri people, custodians of these lands. The greater Parkville area serves and has served as a ground of ceremony and a place of learning for many years and lifetimes. We acknowledge that the land in which we meet is the place of age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal and that the local Aboriginal peoples have had and continue to have a unique role in the life of these lands.

EVENTS

MONDAY 5
6:00pm
Epic Sensational Incredible Huge Comedy Festival
Opening Night GALA!

TUESDAY 6
12:30pm
North Court Performance
6:00pm
Panel Discussion
8:15pm
Open mic

WEDNESDAY 7
3:00pm-4:30pm
Workshop: Intro to Comedy
7:00pm
Comedy Union Night

THURSDAY 8
12:00-2:00pm
Fodder Radio Broadcast
6:00pm onwards
Student shows

FRIDAY 9
11:00am
Workshop: Accessability and the Classics
1:00pm
Film Screening
6:00pm onwards
Student Shows

SATURDAY 10
1:30pm onwards
Student shows
5:00pm-6:00pm
Workshop: Accessability and the Classics
6:00pm onwards
Student shows

UMSU Comedy Festival
Hi there. We are Sarina Murray and Ben Volchok.

We love comedy. So when we were put in charge of the first ever UMSU Comedy Festival, we wanted to make sure that we were creating something awesome, inclusive, all for students - and above all, really, really funny.

The University of Melbourne has always had an obscene number of hilarious people working on an obnoxious number of entertaining things. Now, for the first time, UMSU is bringing all of them together. For one epic week, join us in Union House for a celebration of all of the things around campus that will make you laugh, but hopefully not shit your pants (no guarantees).

Our festival begins with a gala that brings together the past and future of comedy at The University of Melbourne. After that, we’ve got a panel, the annual Comedy Union Night, workshops, and screenings.

Finally, and most excitingly, we have for you three whole days of student productions. That’s right. Three whole days. Eighteen shows. That’s a lot of shows. It’s a pretty good deal (see ticketing page for more information about this deal).

It’ll be intense. Intensely funny.
MONDAY 5
OPENING NIGHT GALA!
6:00 PM - GRAND BUFFET HALL
$20 FULL / $15 CONC

The first event of the festival is an epic, sensational, incredible, huge, three-hour comedy extravaganza! See some of The University of Melbourne’s most famous ex-students on stage alongside a cavalcade of the funniest people on campus. Sketch groups, individual comedians and even a musical! THREE WHOLE HOURS OF COMEDY!

Featuring

DR. PROFESSOR NEAL PORTENZA as MC
with
DILRUK JAYASINHA
HAYMAN KENT
ANDREW McCLELLAND
POET LAUREATE TELIA NEVILE
and SAMMY J

TUESDAY 6
SHENANIGANS
12:30 PM - NORTH COURT

Dr. Professor Neal Portenza returns to blow your mind apart (again) with his chaotic, hilarious comedy!
Melbourne's universities have a history of fostering Australia's comedic talents, seeing them go on to national and international fame. But what kind of culture really exists around it? How has it changed? Where is it going? Join us for a discussion of the past, present and future of the relationship between universities and comedy.

ABOUT THE PANELLISTS:

COURTENEY HOCKING
Courteney Hocking is an outspoken feminist who describes herself as a “reformed” comedian. Starting in The University of Melbourne’s early 00s Comedy Renaissance, she has gone on to write for Good News Week, The Guardian, The Age and Crikey.

AAMER RAHMAN
Aamer Rahman has won acclaim through Fear of a Brown Planet since his time at Monash University. He has toured the world with his solo show The Truth Hurts, and has recently returned from a tour of the USA. Rahman also does regular youth work and refugee activism.

ROD QUANTOCK
Rod Quantock began The University of Melbourne’s Architecture Revue in 1969. Soon after, he championed Melbourne’s alternative comedy scene and appeared in Australia You’re Standing In It before contributing to the launch of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.
WEDNESDAY 7
COMEDY UNION NIGHT
7:00PM - MEMBERS LOUNGE
The annual Comedy Union Night! Come along and be treated to an evening of free laughs and cheap booze. You know the deal. Includes the winner of the 2015 Campus Comedy Competition! Presented in conjunction with UMSU Entertainment and Activities.

WORKSHOPS
INTRODUCTION TO COMEDY
Join festival directors Sarina Murray and Ben Volchok for a guide on starting out in the comedy world. Learn everything from writing material to honing your stagecraft.
WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER - 3:00-4:30PM - Graham Cornish

ACCESSABILITY AND THE CLASSICS
Jess Kapuscinski-Evans helps you recreate comedy scenes from classic texts. A workshop on arts access and using accessibility as a creative impetus rather than seeing it as a limitation.
FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER - 11:00AM-12:00PM - Graham Cornish
SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER - 5:00PM-6:00PM - Graham Cornish
Express interest in attending workshops at comedy@union.unimelb.au

THURSDAY 8 - SATURDAY 10
STUDENT SHOWS!
SEE PAGES 6-11 FOR DETAILS; SEE ONLINE FOR MATINEE TIMES
3 days! 18 student productions! Featuring a plethora of existing shows as well as all-new performances from groups and individuals around campus. Come and check out everything your funny peers have been up to.

FRIDAY 9
FILM SCREENING - 1:00PM
Details TBA - check the website for more details closer to the date!
Billie and Trung Make Out

Billie Egan and Trung Le

L is for the way you look, at me. L is also for letting your friends drag you for terrible relationship mistakes you’ve made. Billie and Trung Make Out is the journey of two friends learning about love by taking a walk through the graveyard of past relationships, old flames, Kevins, life and receipts.

7:00PM FRI SAT / JOE NAPOLITANO / 15MIN

Divestment: the Musical

Fossil Free Melbourne University

Every year The University of Melbourne profits from the extraction of fossil fuels that cause global climate change. Why not have a laugh about it? A bunch of lefty activists present a sketch-satire reflection on how institutions and industry play the game of big business. All to songs of ABBA. What more could you want?

7:30PM / MEMBERS LOUNGE / 20MIN

Women Aren’t Funny

Katy Hampson

Acid-tongued Katy Hampson explains why women aren’t funny, translating Julie Bishop’s death stare into words.

Superiority Complex

John McMillan

John McMillan... ain’t gonna hurt you.

7:00PM / UMSU BAR / 20 MIN
The Female of the Species
Trinity College Dramatic Society

Margot Mason, a thinly-veiled version of Germaine Greer, has writer's block following publication of her groundbreaking polemic, The Cerebral Vagina, when in through the French doors steps one of her ex-students—with a gun. This play frequently says the unsayable and gets away with it as a farcical comedy.

7:00PM THU FRI / MEMBERS LOUNGE / 20MIN

How Not to Die Alone: A Cautionary Tale
Tiffany Chua

How to up your tinder game, why you need a Netflix subscription and don't swipe right after midnight! Tiffany is funnier than Tony Abbott's views on gay marriage and likens herself to a younger, less sensitive version of Drake.

8:00PM FRI SAT / UMSU BAR / 20MIN

Four - Twenty - Blaze It!
Kalid Elali, Sam Siggins, Daniel Sullivan, Emily Weir

Four comics. Twenty minutes. Nothing to do with weed, we just wanted to make that joke.
Kalid Elali says some words into a mic.
Sam Siggins is trying to be fat and red-headed just like Louis CK.
Daniel Sullivan is a rambunctious rabble-rouser with a beard of red and a heart of gold.
Emily Weir likes bright colours, reality television, and pretending to be a pigeon on the Internet.

6:30PM / UMSU BAR / 20MIN
Kit and Matt Have a Great Time Together

*Kit Richards and Matt Wallace*

Kit and Matt are mates. Best mates. Ok, just mates but they enjoy each other’s company and now they are going to show that in front of an audience for the first time in 30 years!

8:30PM / JOE NAPOLITANO / 20MIN

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**Malice**

*Alice Tovey*

Alice Tovey (*Tres Miserables, Office Party, Mix Tape*) is an introverted egomaniac who tackles everything from love to Karl Stefanovic and in between with her unique brand of outrageous musical comedy. Armed with venom, spitfire and puppy-dog eyes, *Malice* is a collection of malicious original songs from the twenty-something self-deprecating diva.

9:00PM / JOE NAPOLITANO / 20MIN

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**Mudcrabs Renaissance**

*Melbourne University Comedy Revue Board*

By the power of its generic name, the Melbourne University Comedy Revue Board (MUCRB) (Mudcrabs) holds no bounds on comedy, spilling forth with whatever is necessary to make you laugh. So expect the show to be nothing less than a renaissance of comedy that will change the very way you laugh. (Change not guaranteed.)

8:00PM / JOE NAPOLITANO / 20MIN
The Melbourne University Law Revue

On Ice

The Melbourne Uni Law Revue is back for another season of hilarious sketch comedy! Come watch the cast strut and stride through a crisp evening of top quality sketch comedy. With not a single law joke in sight, this show is bound to leave anyone and everyone in stitches!

6:30PM / MEMBERS LOUNGE / 20MIN

Oscar: Real Talk.
This Time for Real

Oscar Shaw

Hello; that is me in the photo. My name is Oscar, in this photo you see that I am at the beach. It’s on the Great Ocean Road. If you were interested. Anyway; enough about me. How are you? maybe come to this show and we can chat more. Anyhow must dash, I have this bottle stuck on my finger- it’s a long story. STOP PRESSURING ME. I’m glad we did this, it’s good to have someone to talk to- no wait- come back. Aww shucks. Done it again. *sigh*

8:30PM / UMSU BAR / 20MIN

Medleys the Medical Revue

Medleys is one of Australia’s longest-running revues, celebrating our 100th show this year! We’re a group of medical students who get together every year and lovingly create a musical sketch comedy for the enjoyment of all.

7:30PM / MEMBERS LOUNGE / 20MIN
Poverty Parade
Sean and Tom
Sean and Tom have been performing sketch comedy together since 2013 for the ANU’s Satyros Comedy Society. Between them they’ve produced, written and performed in eight successful student productions, and now they’re in Melbourne, trialing their new show for the 2016 Canberra Comedy Festival.
6:30PM / JOE NAPOLITANO / 20MIN

Spamalot!
Queen’s College MADS
Spamalot follows the story of King Arthur and his loyal troupe of Knights as they embark on a quest to find the Holy Grail. This inspirational show will teach you to search for the grail within us all. Unfortunately, we won’t be putting on the whole show for you, however you will be getting some select scenes which our critics (mothers) say are very good!
8:00PM / MEMBERS LOUNGE / 20MIN

Sean Morgan
I write small poems on bits of paper and talk about things. I once made everybody sign a piece of paper stating that a toad was better than Pol Pot, and that I was better than a toad, and for that reason, I should be our Prime Minister. I’ll probably do something different this time.
8:30PM / UMSU BAR / 20MIN
Spoons
James Macaronas

Why are we here? Who are we? Is that a pear? Can I have the pear? Yeah, just feed it to the blurb. What do you mean, “fourth wall”? Leave your sanity behind for 20 minutes of unhinged madcap antics that will completely ignore these questions. Bring your friends. Duel your enemies. Beware pears wearing dark glasses. Over and out.

6:30PM / UMSU BAR / 20MIN

The Weekly Hour
The Weekly Hour Podcast

The political podcast shock jocks from The Weekly Hour are at it again with a live, on-stage, real-world, actual show for your eyes and ears. Will they be able to make the transition from audio to a live setting? Probably not. It’s political satire like you’ve never seen it before: by university students. And this time, it’s personal. And the personal is political.

9:00PM SAT / MEMBERS LOUNGE / 30MIN

Where the Hell Am I?
Jacob Emerson

Some call it hell. Others paradise. Others still call it America. When Jacob left for the USA he thought he was leaving to a place similar to the rest of the world. Where the Hell Am I? is the tale of a man who’s very far from home.

Streaming from the United States!

7:30PM / JOE NAPOLITANO / 20MIN
TICKETING

Monday (Gala)
$20 FULL/$15 CONC

Tuesday (Panel)
$15 FULL/$10 CONC

Wednesday (Comedy Night)
FREE!

Thursday / Friday / Saturday
(Student Shows)
$15 FULL/$10 CONC
(each day/ evening)

Special Show Pass
$30 FULL/$25 CONC
Come to all shows Thursday to Saturday!
Includes a free drink!

All other events
FREE!

Tickets can be bought at trybooking.com or at the door.
Online bookings close at 5pm on the day of the event.
See website for more info.

Event dates, times and venues are subject to change.
Don’t forget to double-check online closer to the date!

ACCESSIBILITY

All venues are accessible and you are welcome to bring a support person.
Content warnings for individual shows will be available online closer to
performance dates. Volunteers will be on hand as guides for all events.

If you have any specific access requirements, please email us at
comedy@union.unimelb.edu.au ASAP so we can arrange appropriate
support. We aim to ensure all performances are accessible to all students.
VENUE INFORMATION

All events take place in **Union House** at The University of Melbourne.

**GRAHAM CORNISH**  
Level 2

**GRAND BUFFET HALL**  
Mezzanine (between Levels 1 and 2)

**JOE NAPOLITANO**  
Level 2

**MEMBERS LOUNGE**  
Ground Floor

**UMSU BAR**  
Level 1

*visit lostoncampus.com.au for more assistance*

All events here!
The Team

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