

Carl Barron

He grew up in Longreach in Central Queensland the son of a shearer. Moved to the Gold Coast where he became a roof tiler, moved to Sydney and decided to walk on stage at The Harold Park Hotel on night, told everyone how a bird poo-ed on him that day and the rest is history.

Carl's non-threatening observational style of comedy appeals to everyone. He has touched the hearts of thousands of people with his gentle, awkward, self-conscious, relaxed and original approach to comedy.

Since winning Comic of the year and Best Up and Coming Talent in 1993, Carl has established himself as one of the most accomplished comedy performers in Australia and around the world.

This extremely popular and gifted comedian has tread the boards throughout Australia, New York, L.A, London, South Africa, Auckland, Ireland, Singapore, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Edinburgh.

Carl started his TV career in 1997 and now has over 50 TV spots behind him both in Australia and abroad. His first DVD release won 'Best Menu Design' at the Australian DVD Awards and ***is the country's highest selling stand-up comedy DVD in Australian retail history***. His second show 'Whatever Comes Next' won Best International Show at The New Zealand Comedy Festival which was then released on DVD entering the charts at Number one, staying there for over twelve months and then being nominated for an Aria Award in 2008 for best Comedy Release. Carl Barron is the only person to have a top 20 selling DVD in the GFK charts three years in a row.. And in 2005-2006 he had two DVD's in the top twenty – an astonishing achievement.

He was also voted in the top 30 most popular comedians ever to have appeared at the prestigious Just For Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal.

Festivals

- Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- Adelaide Fringe Festival
- Montreal '*Juste Pour Rire*' (*Just for Laughs*) Festival
- New Zealand Comedy Festival
- Smithwick's Cats Festival Kilkenny
- Jozi Comedy Festival South Africa

Awards and Achievements

- Nominated for ARIA Award Best Comedy Release 2008
- Winner of the Best International Show NZ International Comedy Festival 2005
- Best Menu Design for *Carl Barron Live* – DVD, 2004
- Nominated for ACE Award 1999
- Released Carl Barron Live CD in 1999
- Nominated for Comedian of the year Maurie Awards 2002
- Nominated for a MO Awards 2002, 2004
- Released *Carl Barron Live* DVD in 2003 which has subsequently gone four times Platinum

TV Credits

- Rove (Network Ten)
- Thank God You're Here
- Out of the Question
- Good News Week
- The Footy Show – NRL (Nine Network) – including Live and Sketch
- Sydney Weekender (Nine Network)
- Fat Pizza (SBS)
- Headliners (Foxtel)
- Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala (Nine Network)
- Live at Jongleurs (Channel 4 UK)
- Montreal Juste Pour Rire' Festival Gala (Canadian TV)
- Preen Commercial – two campaigns
- The Midday Show (Nine Network)
- Hey Hey It's Saturday (Nine Network)
- Best Of the Footy Show Comedians - Host (Nine Network)

What the Critics Say

"an Aussie larrikin persona that has been polished to shine brighter than an opal" **NZ Herald**

"His wry, acute insights are so warmly received because people are instantly aware of what he is talking about"
Dominion Post

"Carl Barron of Australia was the highlight of the evening, with wry observations and hysterical bits on sneezing, burping, farting and just plain stuff"
The Gazette Montreal

".... They (the audience) were in a state of uncontrollable joy"
The Age Melbourne

"Barron's show is one asthmatic laugh after the other. It's a marvel the packed audiences had pause for breath – the lady next to me almost required medical assistance"
Inpress, Melbourne

"The skinny balding master of observational humour..."
The Sun Herald Sydney

"...but the one who stole the show was Carl Barron"...
The Scotsman Edinburgh

....' But the star of the evening is Carl Barron, who has the audience in fits with his resonating observations of common experiences. With a dead-pan expression breaking out into gleaming wickedness, this skinny Gandhi-like comedian turns the tables on the mundane, tackling everything from our reactions to stupid questions through to turds with footprints..."
The Scotsman

"A gifted physical comic and monologist"
The LA Times

"Barron is small and shy, his jokes clean and precise. The audience loves him..."
Harper Magazine

"Audiences are rioting for a glimpse of his shy and sharp routine"
Inpress, Melbourne

****** "Carl Barron is an awesome standup comedian.... I had tears in my eyes..."*
The Age, Melbourne

"Carl Barron is a man who articulates the small but precious hopes of a nation"
Herald Sun

"Get ready to giggle yourself silly"
Melbourne Weekly

"Carl Barron is small, quiet and a comedy surprise package."
Entertainment Live

"Watching Barron perform is like watching mime with punch lines"
The Drum Sydney

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