

Dave Eastgate is an actor, stand-up comedian, writer and musician who lives in Sydney, Australia. In 2017 he starred in the ABC/BBC/Comedy Central US smash hit, *Ronnie Chieng: International Student* and was nominated for a Logie Award for his portrayal of a cancer patient in Channel 9's critically acclaimed drama series, *Doctor Doctor*.

In 2015, Dave starred alongside his comedy idols, **Glenn Robbins, Magda Szubanski, Gina Riley & Jane Turner** in the Comedy Channel's flag ship, sketch comedy series, *Open Slather*. The series ran for 20 episodes and featured Dave in sketches alongside, UFC Champ **Ronda Rousey** & Grammy Award Winner, **Sting**.

Other credits include the multi-award winning ABC comedy series, *A Moody Xmas* & it's sequel, *The Moody's*, as well as *Maximum Choppage*, *Soul Mates*, and Channel 9's hugely successful comedy, *Here Come The Habibs*.

Stand-up comedy remains Dave's staple as he tours extensively around Australia and internationally in NZ, UK, US, Singapore and even in the Middle East for the Australian Defence Force. In 2012 Dave shared the stage with Academy Award Winner, **Robin Williams** during his Australian tour and considers it a career highlight. Other highlights include playing sold out shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2011 & 2012 & performing at the UK's biggest heavy metal festival 'Download' in 2012. In addition to this Dave has supported touring international comics such as **Arj Barker, Rich Fulcher, Jim Jefferies, Jeff Ross** and **Ross Noble**. Dave has appeared as a stand-up comedian on Channel 9's *Mornings*, SBS's *The Full Brazilian*, Channel 10's *Thursday Night Live* and the Comedy Channel's *Stand Up Australia* and *Just For Laughs at The Sydney Opera House*.

Dave has truly cemented himself as one of the best live comedy acts in the country. It's this reputation that landed him gigs as the audience warm-up for *Big Brother*, *Australian Idol*, *So You Think You Can Dance*, *Dancing With The Stars*, *Australia's Got Talent*, *The X-Factor* & *The Voice*. His corporate clients now include **Westpac, NAB, McDonald's, P&O, Jim Beam Global, Microsoft Australia, Virgin Mobile (UK), Irun Bru (UK), Blundstones, ALH Group** and **The Gold Coast Titans Rugby League Club**.

Outside of comedy and acting however is Dave's passion for rock n' roll. In 2013, his band, **Dave Eastgate & Boner Contention**, were the house band for the ABC sketch comedy show, *Wednesday Night Fever*, performing the opening and closing titles, stings and original numbers written by Dave, himself. For the past two years they have held a weekly residency at Australia's premiere rock venue, **Frankie's Pizza by The Slice**, where they host *LIVE Hard Rockin Karaoke*, a night when regular punters can sing their favourite rock tunes, with arguably, the hardest band in Australia!

A penchant for performing began as a child growing up in Papua New Guinea where his father was stationed as a diplomatic attaché with the Australian Defence Force. The family moved to the Gold Coast when Dave was a teenager and the self confessed "black sheep" began his professional career

performing characters, stunts and music in the Queensland resort town's famous theme parks, theatre restaurants and comedy clubs from the age of 16.

In 2001 at the age of 21 Dave headed to Osaka to work as a street/stunt performer at Universal Studios Japan. Immersed in the language and the culture of Japan, Dave spent 5 years performing his own characters, stunts and music. During this time Dave also toured the country as a singer/guitarist with a Japanese punk band, performed Japanese stand-up comedy and made several television and radio appearances... IN FLUENT JAPANESE!!!

A short stint backpacking and performing open-mics in NY, LA, Toronto and the UK followed before Dave would return to Oz in 2006 determined to "work his ass off" touring stand-up clubs and pubs around Australia, audition for anything he could get and form the greatest band on earth. In the ten years since, that decision has truly paid off.

"...bracingly demystifies musical comedy to the point that Flight of the Conchords appear corporate scum next to him"

****** Fest Mag UK**

"...a genius to his timing - a talent not to be underestimated..."

****** Three Weeks UK**

"...unleashes musical thunder with a laughter-packed set of songs..."

****** Metro UK**

*"F***ing Beautiful, man!"*

Academy Award Winner Robin Williams