

STEPH TISELL



Steph Tisdell is a major up-and-comer in the Australian Comedy Scene. After cutting her teeth in the UK and winning the **Deadly Funny National Grand Final** in 2014, Steph has been collecting awards and accolades wherever she goes and building an impressive TV, radio and print credit list most recently having appeared on **ABC's Comedy Up Late** and **Tonightly**.

2018 has been a huge year for Steph, she toured Australia with the **Aboriginal All Stars** and **Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow** and debuted her first solo show **"Identity Steft"** at **Adelaide Fringe Festival**, where she won the **weekly award for best emerging talent**, and The **Melbourne International Comedy Festival** where she was nominated for the illustrious **Best Newcomer Award**.

Steph is a proud Indigenous woman and is making a fast rise as one of Australia's funniest Aboriginal comedian's putting her in a unique position to encourage other Aboriginal artists to come forward and showcase why they're the funniest race in the world. She has a background in social sciences and a huge passion for Aboriginal rights and advocacy, Steph loves to talk about her experiences as a Yidinji woman and what her culture means to her.

Steph's mission first and foremost is to empower those around her, using comedy as a way to observe the world, finding the funny in heartbreak is an important tool for everybody. After all, comedy is just tragedy plus time.

With a magnetic personality and quirky stage presence that skips between gleefully playful to biting political satire, Steph's comedy is vulnerable, real and insightful. Her witty observations challenge stereotypes in non-offensive and hilarious ways.

PRAISE FOR STEPH

"This show carefully balances the hard truths Indigenous Australians face with tongue-in-cheek jokes and hilarious quips...hilarious and informative ★★★★★ ½" – [Adelaide Now](#)

"An impressive grip of complicated material...Tisdell will become one of those must-book favourites in years to come ★★★★★" – [The Music](#)

"Tisdell's stand-up is equal parts informative and unequivocally funny...an act that is both sincere and sincerely hilarious ★★★★★" – [Fest-Mag](#)

"Riotous, audacious and incredibly smart...Tisdell's message of empathy over apathy is one that we all need to hear ★★★★★" – [Arts Hub](#)

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TV & RADIO APPEARANCES

Tonightly on ABC

ABC Comedy Up Late

“3 Minutes With...” ABC

Livestreams from the Melbourne International Comedy Festival

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

Melbourne International Comedy Festival Best Newcomer – Nominee

Adelaide Fringe Festival Emerging Artist Weekly Award – Winner

Deadly Funny National Comedy Competition – Winner

Hilarity Bites (UK) – Runner Up

So You Think You’re Funny (UK) – Semi-Finalist

Yes Bar New Comedian (Scotland) – Finalist

STAND UP COMEDY

Identify Steft – Solo Show (Adelaide Fringe Festival & Melbourne International Comedy Festival)

Aboriginal All Stars (National Tour)

Comedy Up Late @ The Festival Club (Melbourne International Comedy Festival)

Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow (Regional WA & QLD Tour)

A-List Adelaide Fringe Comedy Gala (Adelaide Fringe Festival)

A-List Comedy Sampler (Melbourne International Comedy Festival)

Best of the Fest (Adelaide Fringe Festival)

Token Ethnic with Ting Lim (Brisbane Funny Fest)

Booberang – half hour solo set (Edinburgh Fringe Festival)

PANELS AND MENTORING

Jeez Louise Discussion Panel – Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Aboriginal Representation in the Arts

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CORPORATE EVENTS AND KEYNOTE SPEAKING

With an ever growing fan base that spans Australia wide thanks to her award winning show “Identity Steft” and extensive touring, plus a viral video that looks at indigenous politics and identity, Steph is a successful and in demand speaker. Steph discusses the way humour is used as a coping mechanism, dealing with mental health by adjusting your observational lens and the importance of Indigenous representation.

Steph has performed at events with many high profile organisations and not for profits including

Brisbane City Council

DATSIP

Melbourne Girls Grammar

Zillmere Multicultural Celebration

Life Without Borders

BridGIT Water Foundation

AIMEE

Brook Red Lived Experience Conference

La Perouse Community

Future Females

Yarn

World Wellness Group