

Marcus Ryan

Comedian. Writer. Explorer

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★★★★★ 'A born performer' FreshAir, Edinburgh

★★★★★½ 'Hilarious' VueWeekly, Canada

★★★★★ The Stage, UK

★★★★★ The Skinny, UK

★★★★★ Three Weeks, UK

★★★★★ FunnyTonne, Aus

★★★★★ Advertiser, Aus

★★★★★ Edinburgh Fringe

'You won't be disappointed' – West Australian



Perennial globetrotter Marcus Ryan is a gifted storyteller with a natural comic bent and has featured at so many festivals and clubs around the world it's hard to know where home is these days. One thing's for sure, he's right at home on stage. A laid back yet engaging presence, Marcus charms his audiences with a sharp wit and tales from the road, having performed in 50 countries in 6 continents - even gigs in Spanish!

Though Australian born, Marcus is not one to stay still. Formerly based in the UK, he is a regular on club circuits across North America, Europe as well as frequenting festivals world-wide. It is the solo work however where he thrives. Never shy of a challenge, continually carving his own path, bringing English speaking comedy to communities, cities & even countries that have never had it before, becoming the first person in history to perform English speaking stand-up comedy in several Latin & Asian countries, including Laos, Cambodia, Nicaragua, Uruguay & Paraguay.

HISTORY: At age 18 Marcus worked on-air in breakfast radio before kicking off his stand-up career in Melbourne. Early success in Australia gained invitations to perform in Edinburgh & Vancouver, igniting a newfound love of travel. When it comes to experience, there isn't a lot he hasn't encountered. From television, film, radio and acting, as well as writing and performing poetry, giving university lectures, mentoring students and upcoming comics through workshops. Whether it be charities, club comedy, backpacker gigs to corporate events such as AFL Europe & Cricket Australia and raising money for Fred Hollows Foundation with his concept show '**Lights Out Laughs**', from 3 minute sets to 3 hours, he's performed in a play for an audience of 1 to hosting music festivals up to 15,000! Versatile is an understatement. Be it clean or blue, for young & old, for family, kids and international audiences, Marcus Ryan is an excellent reliable all-round MC and headliner and brilliant storyteller & observational comic with an ability to entertain any room. Don't miss your chance to catch him while you can!

Marcus Ryan is an award-winning stand-up comedian, an award-winning storyteller (*The Moth*), a writer and world explorer with a story to tell for every occasion. Regarded as one of the most well-travelled comedians working today - whilst not a household name in one country - he has a global following and respected by his peers. His debut one man show, the critically acclaimed '**Love Me Tinder**' sold-out festivals and tours world-wide and after an epic journey hitch-hiking through Latin America he returned with a new show '**¿Hablas Inglés?**', shortlisted for Best Comedy 2017 at Fringe World Perth & nominated for Best English Comedy (JFL) Montreal 2018, it has sold out tours in Australia, Europe, Asia & Canada. His 2 new shows '**Walk This Qué**' - a story about walking 1,000kms across Spain (Camino de Santiago) & '**MARCOS**' a show about Sex, Drugs & Crime have been touring simultaneously world-wide.

QUOTES

'Effortlessly funny...unpretentious, informal, belly-laughs-a-minute stand-up' 3Weeks, UK

'Marcus Ryan had one of the best lines of the night, brilliantly subverting an established comedic segue...' 'He does everything a stand-up's supposed to do' Chortle, UK

'With skill and deft timing, he hit the mark with fine observations on his global travels' The Skinny, UK

'Marcus Ryan came with a well-honed act, good, solid, funny stuff delivered with a great deal of personality' Edinburgh Evening News, UK

'Had Australian comic Marcus Ryan been head-lining, most people would still have been happy. His free-flowing delivery and exceptional take on standard stand-up material is worth catching at any time. One minute he is delivering accurate observations of Australian and British differences, the next depicting modern social networking tools as a dysfunctional family.' Edinburgh Evening News, UK

'Marcus Ryan has good stories delivered with a good sense of humour; he keeps good company; he's got a good kind of handicap, which lends itself to good looks... Hell, he's just good value plain and simple' Inpress, Aus.

'Good enough to make a packed room laugh and that speaks for itself... ..Ryan, strong enough to hold the crowd... ..the future's in good hands.' The Chaser, Aus.

'Marcus Ryan is very witty and his comedy very casual, original and observational. He marries an Aussie charm with great storytelling ability – and possesses a talent for mimicry, which he uses to evoke accents from different parts of the world. A creative and engaging comedian, this man is not to be missed for any lover of impressionism and character comedy.' ★★★★★ Cream of the Fringe, Edinburgh Fringe.

COMEDY & FRINGE FESTIVALS

Edinburgh, UK 2003, 05, 06, 08, 09, 10, 12, 17
Melbourne, AUS 2003, 04, 05, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19
Adelaide, AUS 2011, 15, 17, 20
Perth, AUS 2015, 17, 20
Vancouver & Hobart 2005
Brighton, UK 2009, 12
Edmonton, CAN 2015, 18, 19
Montreal 2005, 18
Calgary 2018, 19
Tampa, Orlando & Winnipeg 2019

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Pyramid Rock, AUS 2010, 11, 12
Trevor, AUS 2013
Ales on the Ovens 2013
The Hills Are Alive! 2019