

Steve Hughes

AUSTRALIAN STAND-UP COMEDY LEGEND
AS SEEN ON BBC ONE'S LIVE AT THE APOLLO & THE MICHAEL MCINTYRE COMEDY ROADSHOW

"HARD-EDGED SOCIAL COMMENTARY AT IT'S BEST" *Times*

Internationally renowned stand-up comedian Steve Hughes is known the world over for his hard hitting, take no prisoners stand up. The inimitable ex-heavy metal drummer has been burning up the international circuit for the past 20 years, touring throughout Europe, Australia, USA, Canada & New Zealand to rave reviews and mutinous laughter.

"MARK THOMAS AND ROB NEWMAN HAVE PROVEN HOW EFFECTIVE COMEDY CAN BE AS A MOUTHPIECE...HUGHES KNOCKS THEM INTO A COCKED HAT. IN SUMMARY: HUGHES IS GOLD." *Metro*

After storming stages at prestigious invite-only festivals and selling out his solo tours worldwide, Steve returned to Australia in 2014 with a new show "While It's Still Legal" which sold out at Comedy Festivals across the land. Most recently Steve wrote and performed his most personable and intimate show yet entitled "Nervous Breakthrough" which was filmed at The Enmore Theatre (Sydney) for his third comedy release.

"EXACTLY WHAT POLITICAL COMEDY SHOULD BE: INTELLIGENT, PROVOCATIVE, PROFOUND, AND TOPPED OFF WITH GOOD, SOLID GAGS. SEE HIM WHILE IT'S STILL LEGAL." *Chortle*

A truly world-class comedy performer, Steve has earned a reputation as an erudite, philosophical, highly opinionated and original talent – a paradoxical blend of laid-back charm and acute caustic anti-establishment humour. He makes his long-awaited return to the UK in February 2020, and will be embark upon a UK tour in the Spring. Free-thinking, intelligent, opinionated: "Are You Serious?" will be Steve doing what he's always done best; making the uncomfortable acceptable and the horrifying hilarious.

"ACUTELY OBSERVED AND CUTTING BONE-DEEP, STEVE DELVES INTO GUTSIER TERRITORY – RACISM, TERRORISM, HOMOPHOBIA – WITH AN HONESTY AND OPENNESS RARELY SEEN AMONG COMICS, HIS INSIGHTS ARE SPOT ON, HIS OPINIONS ARE INTELLIGENT AND HIS JOKES ARE TOP CLASS" *Guardian*

On TV he has recently performed stellar sets on Live at the Apollo and Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow (BBC One), Stand Up For The Week (CH4) & One Night Stand (Dave). He has also appeared on two series of Comedy Cuts (ITV), The Live Floor Show (BBC2) and The Comedy Store, The World Stands Up and two series of Comedy Blue – all for Comedy Central.

"A CONSISTENT AND PASSIONATE COMEDY OUTLOOK DRIVEN BY HIS DISTINCTIVE CONVICTIONS. EVEN IF YOU DON'T WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE WITH HIS WORSE-CASE-SCENARIO OUTLOOK, HUGHES IS FUNNIER, AND MORE GENTLE, THAN THE PREACHY POLITICS MIGHT SUGGEST...HUGHES STILL HAS THE EARTHY DEMEANOUR OF THE HEAVY METAL GUITARIST HE USED TO BE. BUT WITH HIS STAND-UP HE PROVES HIMSELF A SKILFUL LYRICIST, TOO, ABLE TO CONDENSE HIS BIG IDEAS INTO A PITHY, ELEGANT PUNCHLINE...EFFICIENT AND ELOQUENT" *Chortle*

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