

## The Hobart Comedy Festival, 18 - 30 July 2011, Performance details / Media Kit

### Program 2011:

7:30 PM - The Blundstone Comedy Boutique (1 hour show) Monday 18 - Friday 22 July

Mike Goldstein (USA) + Kate McLennan (Australia) + European Man (Europe via Australia)

9:15 PM - The 9:15 Comedy Showcase (1 hour show) Monday 18 - Friday 22 July

Justin Hamilton (Australia) + Mel Buttle (Australia) + Simon McKinney (NZ)

10:30 PM - Late and Local (1 hour 15 minute show) one night only - Saturday 23 July

The best local performers are joined by Melbourne based ex-pat Tasmanian comics Luke McGregor and John Cambo Campbell and your Master of Ceremonies Gavin Baskerville

8 PM Jeff Green live at the Theatre Royal (80 minute show) one night only - Wednesday 27 July

The great UK comedian Jeff Green hits the stage in Hobart for a one night stand no-one will forget. As seen on "Jeff Green Live from the West End" on BBC2 and ABC1 and numerous other UK and Australian television programs. THE BEST OF BRITISH! Support acts: Gavin Baskerville and Tasmania's own Tracey Cosgrove.

8 PM Damian Callinan's IN LOCAL NEWS (2 hour show) one night only - Friday 29 July, UTAS School of Science, cnr of Liverpool and Campbell Sts

Damian Callinan, star of TV, radio and the live comedy circuit is joined by a celebrity panel to create a brand new radio program for broadcast by ABC Local Radio. This is the first episode of what may become the new Spicks and Specks or Good News Week - be there as history is made and local news is mercilessly and hilariously put under the microscope. Team Captains Cal Wilson and Gavin Baskerville plus panelists TBC.

8 PM The Big Finale (2 hours +) one night only - Saturday 30 July, Theatre Royal

This year's stars are Denise Scott and Peter Berner. The most famous Hobart Comedy Festival event is the gala we call The Big Finale. This event has closed the Festival every year since 2003 and it is always sold out in advance. This year your Master of Ceremonies Damian Callinan is joined by the big name headliners above and some surprise guests as well. This will really end the Festival with a bang!

### **Bookings, printed programs and further information:**

Theatre Royal - 29 Campbell Street, Hobart, phone 6233 2299

Centertainment, Elizabeth Street Mall, phone 6234 5998

Online bookings and full program details at [www.hobartcomfest.com](http://www.hobartcomfest.com)

Programs at the above sales outlets and The Hobart Visitor Information Centre, Davey Street as well as selected cafes, hotels and backpackers

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Date	Venue	Time / event	Time / event	Time /event	Notes
Monday 18 July	Backspace Theatre	7:30 PM Comedy Bootique	9:15 PM Comedy Showcase		7:30 Comedy Bootique nightly: Mike Goldstein (USA) Kate McLennan (Aus) European Man (Aus) 9:15 Comedy Showcase nightly: Simon McKinney (NZ) Mel Buttle (Aus) Justin Hamilton (Aus)
Tuesday 19 July	Backspace Theatre	7:30 PM Comedy Bootique	9:15 PM Comedy Showcase		As above
Wednesday 20 July	Backspace Theatre	7:30 PM Comedy Bootique	9:15 PM Comedy Showcase		As above
Thursday 21 July	Backspace Theatre	7:30 PM Comedy Bootique	9:15 PM Comedy Showcase		As above
Friday 22 July	Backspace Theatre	7:30 PM Comedy Bootique	9:15 PM Comedy Showcase		As above
Saturday 23 July	Backspace Theatre			10:30 PM Late & Local	Ex-pat Tasmanians Luke McGregor and Cambo are joined by a line-up of local heroes
Wednesday 27 July	Theatre Royal	8 PM Jeff Green (UK)			Support acts: Gavin Baskerville, Tracey Cosgrove
Friday 29 July	TBC	8 PM Damian Callinan's In Local News (Recording for broadcast by ABC Local Radio)			Damian Callinan, Cal Wilson, Gavin Baskerville and guests
Saturday 30 July	Theatre Royal	8 PM The Big Finale			MC Damian Callinan, Denise Scott, Peter Berner and more...

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### **Information:**

The Hobart Comedy Festival features hand-picked comedy artists from Australia and overseas. It is the comedy world's most boutique event, featuring comedy act combinations you cannot see performing together anywhere else in the world. Each year the festival selects rising stars from overseas and brings them to Hobart so audiences can say "we saw them when..." Each year the festival selects the cream of the crop of Australia's comedy artists, including expat Tasmanians now excelling on the national comedy circuit. The Hobart Comedy Festival also selects the best of the BIG NAMES on the world's comedy circuit. World class laughs - the perfect winter warmer!

In 2011 the Hobart Comedy Festival is in its ninth year. It has launched numerous Tasmanian comedians to global and national careers (Hannah Gadsby, Josh Earl, The Bedroom Philosopher and others) as well as showcased to Tasmania an array of famous and aspiring Australian and international comedians. The Hobart Comedy Festival is unique, being a programmed event in which performers only appear by invitation. It creates combinations of artists unique and unseen elsewhere to provide audiences with as many comedic styles and experiences as possible.

“The Hobart Comedy Festival was re-launched successfully in winter 2010 and was an instant hit, garnering national press and international web coverage. It may be small - but it is dynamic, and the people attending, not just locals, but from across Australia and from overseas, really do love it,” said Craig Wellington, Producer of the Hobart Comedy Festival. “We look forward to 2011 with gusto, and its exciting because we’re in our ninth year and that means there’s a 10th anniversary just around the corner.”

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