

RHYS DARBY

BIOGRAPHY

Rhys Darby is a comedian and actor from New Zealand.

LIVE STAGE WORK

His sensational blend of sound effects, characterizations and askew observations has been reducing international audiences to a state of bewildered hysteria since he launched himself onto the world circuit in 2002. By combining stand-up story telling with physical theatre Rhys has developed a truly unique style of comedy performance.

"Better than your average blockbuster... Nobody does it better" The Scotsman

Before leaving his home shores he enjoyed success as one of the most sought after live acts in the country. More than simply a stand-up. ("A one-man special effect" The Guardian) Rhys is also a prolific comedy playwright. He has written and performed in six plays since 2000. Four of which were solo productions in which he took on all the roles.

"Rhys Darby does all his own stunts and special effects, and theme music...and about a dozen characters." The Dominion. (NZ)

"Rhys Darby is amazing." New Zealand Herald

In 2002 he performed his first solo show in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and the following year he moved to London to set himself up on the British comedy scene. He quickly became a cult figure on the circuit and a much talked about act amongst the critics and other comics alike. ("Darby stands out in a funny crowd" Evening Standard) Straight away he was signed up for work at the prestigious clubs including The Comedy Store and Jongleurs and because his material had such a universal appeal he has been scooped up and requested for performances in many other countries including Germany, France, Italy, Holland, Iceland, The Falklands and more recently the Middle East, to name but a few.

"A storming performance... Astounding physical humour" Time Out

MAJOR RADIO, TELEVISION AND FILM CREDITS

In 2005 Rhys could be heard as the character of Brian Nesbitt in the cult BBC Radio 2 series 'Flight of the Conchords'. This radio series went on to win a bronze award at the 2006 Sony Radio Awards. In 2007 Rhys moved to New York to star in the new HBO sitcom 'Flight of the Conchords'. He plays the role of Murray Hewitt the Conchords manager in this emmy award nominated universally successful series. Rhys also stars as 'Norman' the boss to Jim Carreys character in the Warner Bros film 'Yes Man' due for release December 2008. In 2009 he will be seen as Angus one of the DJs on 'The Boat That Rocked', a new film by Richard Curtis.

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RADIO

2005 - The Flight of the Conchords - (BBC)

TELEVISION

2009 - Flight of the Conchords (HBO)

2008 - Rhys Darby Live: Imagine That (Warner/TV3)

2008 - The Comedy Store (Paramount)

2008 - Yo Gabba Gabba (Nick Jr)

2007 - The Flight of the Conchords (HBO)

2006 - Mighty Truck of Stuff (BBC2)

2006 - And another thing... (ITV4)

2005 - Mighty Truck of Stuff (CBBC)

2005 - The Best of Reading Comedy Tent (ITV1)

2005 - The Comedy Store Standup show (Paramount)

2005 - Who's ya mate? (TVNZ)

2005 - 100 Greatest Cartoons ever (Channel 4)

2003 - Presenter, Weekend Backchat (Game Nation, Sky)

2003 - Raymond is Late (Dutch TV)

2000 - Pulp Comedy Special (NZ)

1999 - Pulp Comedy (NZ)

FILM

2008 - Yes Man (Warner Bros)

2009 - The Boat That Rocked (Working Title)

DVD

2008 - Rhys Darby Live: Imagine That (Warner UK)

AWARDS

2007 - NZ Herald Time Out 'Man of the Year' for Murray Hewitt

2007 - Kevin Smith Memorial Cup for International Achievement in comedy

2007 - NZ Comedy Guild Best performance on TV

2006 - Bronze, Sony Radio Awards for Flight of the Conchords BBC radio 2

2006 - Kevin Smith Memorial Cup for International Achievement in comedy

2006 - NZ Comedy Guild Best show nomination

2006 - Oddfellows NZ Comedy Festival Fred Award nomination

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2005 - NZ Comedy Guild Best set recorded for TV- nomination

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FESTIVALS

2007 - Edinburgh Comedy Festival

2007 - Montreal Just For Laughs Comedy Festival

2006 - Oddfellows NZ Comedy festival

2006 - Edinburgh Fringe Festival

2005 - Cape Towns Mentos Comedy Festival

2005 - Reading/Leeds Festival

2005 - Montreal Just For Laughs Comedy Festival

2005 - Oddfellows NZ Comedy Festival

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STAGE SHOWS

2008 - Rhys Darby Live: Imagine That

2007 - Me and some characters

2007 - Breaker Morant

2006 - Rhys Darby: based on actual events

2006 - The Everymen

2005 - Jekyll & Hyde 2030AD (New Zealand)

2004 - Jekyll & Hyde 2030AD (Edinburgh)

2003 - Rhys Darby A Man Of Our Times

2002 - Swingball

2002 - The Neon Outlaw

2001 - The Santa Sessions

2001 - Rhys Darby and the Supernova

2001 - Space Adventure

2000 - The Dog Show

2000 - Rhys Darby and the Time Machine