



Media Release:
Wild West Comedy Fest
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National comics head to Perth for the return of the Wild West Comedy Fest

Leading Australian comedians, Rachel Berger, Bob Franklin, Tom Gleeson, Fiona O'Loughlin and Scared Little Weird Guys will make the trek across the Nullarbor to headline the 2nd annual Wild West Comedy Fest beginning on October 28.

Based in and around Subiaco the festival will present a series of comedy performances at The Regal Theatre, Octagon Theatre, the Subiaco Arts Centre gardens, Llama Bar, and a number of Bagot Street venues over 26 days involving the visiting comics and the best of local talent. The local line-up includes solo performers Zack Adams, Kieran Butler, Tym Jeffery, Dolores Lorette, Tom Middlebrook, John Robertson, Ben Russell, George Smilovici, Jeff Wilson, and double acts Drew Seabourne & Luke Bolland, Ben Wright & David Dempsey, and ABT Vs Sarge.

The festival kicks off with an absolutely free event, the young person's exhibition, FUNNY SCULPTURES which will be displayed in 11 of Subiaco's finest shop windows. FUNNY SCULPTURES developed through workshops held in metropolitan primary schools where young people were challenged to interpret a joke or a riddle in a three dimensional way.

The festival's centrepiece event the WILD WEST COMEDY GALA on Wednesday November 5 sees MC Dave Callan and a dozen acts serve up the flavour of Wild West's humour - including Tom Gleeson, Fiona O'Loughlin, Zack Adams, Ben Russell, Dolores, and many, many more.

Australia's favourite mother of five, Fiona O'Loughlin appears in her solo show at The Regal on Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8 at 7pm with the Helpmann Award nominated Tom Gleeson bringing his new show TOM-A-THON on the same weekend in the 9pm slot. Comic greats, Rachel Berger, Bob Franklin and Scared Little Weird Guys appear the following weekend, November 14 and 15.

A feast of local talent is also on display with a series of shows at the Subiaco Community Centre (213 Bagot Road) and the Earthwise Centre (317 Bagot Road) in easy walking distance of each other. Also in Bagot Road is - direct from her sell out tour of 28 States of USA - Lou Kelman's BIG PURPLE UNDIES at the Church of Christ for three shows only from November 12. Ladies only!

Wild West Comedy Fest incorporates the iconic Over The Fence Film Festival, now in its 12th year. This one night only event on November 7 at the Subiaco Church of Christ (260 Bagot Road), which screens an array of short films that showcase the funny, satirical, quirky, outrageous, fantastic and often bizarre humour of Australia's and the world's new and independent filmmakers.
www.overthefence.com.au

The whole family is catered for at the absolutely free Wild West Comedy Picnic in the cool Subiaco Arts Centre Gardens (180 Hamersley Road) on Sunday, November 9 from 12 midday to 5pm. This free event features family entertainment, stalls and laughter from Barking Gecko Theatre Company, the Big Hoo Haa, Twisted Balloons, Dolores, Flying Heart, Laughter Yoga as well as wandering musicians, performers and all the artworks from the Funny Sculptures exhibition.

For further information, telephone 9337 6049 or visit www.wildwestcomedy.com.au. For bookings, contact 13 28 49 or www.ticketek.com.au

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