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### Jupiters celebrates 30 years with a night of comedy gold



Image (L-R): Akmal Saleh, Lawrence Mooney and Merrick Watts

In celebration of the iconic Gold Coast property turning 30, Jupiters Hotel & Casino is treating guests to an unbelievably hilarious night of comedy at the next *Laugh Your Pants Off* on Friday November 13.

Everyone knows what a major milestone a 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday is and Jupiters is celebrating with the cream of the comedy crop set to perform in Jupiters Theatre.

The amazing line-up of comedians is sure to have the audience roaring with laughter and will include the incredibly talented Akmal Saleh, Merrick Watts and Lawrence Mooney just to name a few.

Managing Director Queensland Geoff Hogg said the next instalment of the popular *Laugh Your Pants Off* comedy series has been designed to ensure everyone leaves with a smile on their face.

"Jupiters has long been a place of celebration, laughter and fun. We are incredibly proud of the *Laugh Your Pants Off* series and the massive following it has established. It has certainly become a favourite of all ages and we can't wait for the audience to see all that is in store at the November show," Mr Hogg said.

"The talent on the night will be equally diverse as it is hilarious. What better way to add to a phenomenal month of birthday celebrations – it truly will be a night that promises great performances and quality entertainment," he continued.

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There'll be plenty to celebrate with November's stellar line-up of stars, such as the hilarious antics of the great Akmal Saleh. Known for his quick wit and side-splitting stories Akmal's career has gone from strength to strength with regular television appearances on hit shows like *Rove*, *The Glasshouse* and *Thank God You're Here*. As well as sell-out appearances at national and international comedy festivals Akmal also received critical acclaim for his own feature film 'You Can't Stop the Murders' and the cult TV show *The 50 Foot Show*. Akmal will have the audience doubled over with laughter when he performs at Jupiters Theatre.

Equally brilliant, one of Australia's most well-known names Merrick Watts first came to the public's attention as one half of Merrick and Rosso. The wisecracking, superbly funny Merrick will leave you in stitches as he treats you to his honest opinion of the world. Over the past few years Merrick has branched out, most notably showing his talent as an actor with roles in *Underbelly – The Tale of Two Cities*, and Working Dog's Logie Award Winning comedy/drama satire, *The Hollowmen* on ABC TV. Merrick's wicked sense of humour will give you a giggle, chuckle and laugh all at the same time.

Continuing the comicality, Lawrence Mooney will also be joining the November *Laugh Your Pants Off* line-up. Lawrence is a stand-up comedian widely regarded by fans and peers as one of the funniest of the funniest. His brutally honest and hilarious insights have earned him Best National Act 2013 Perth Comedy Festival and Best Comedy 2011 at the Melbourne Fringe Festival. Lawrence has also returned to TV with his own show, *Dirty Laundry Live* on ABC2.

The extremely funny Dean Atkinson has over 20 years' experience thrilling audience with his natural talent as a comedian and ventriloquist. Dean studied at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art before making a name for himself on Australia's *Got Talent*. Dean has since performed or appeared on every single national television network in Australia as well as television programs all around the world. This is one act not to be missed and it doesn't end there.

Sit back and witness history in the making as worldwide phenomenon Christopher Wayne takes to the stage. Christopher achieved fame in 2013 after becoming Australia's first magician to have his own television series 'More Than Magic'. He's one of the most gifted comedy writers around, with his work on *The Illusionists* breaking box office records around the world, including a record breaking season on Broadway. Often better known as the co-creator and hilarious half of the sell-out smash 'The Naked Magicians', Christopher's quick-wit and eye for entertainment has seen his latest show dubbed by Aussie Theatre as "The most entertaining show of the year!".

Adding to the humour, at only 28 years of age Nick Cody has already headlined comedy clubs all over Australia, performed at the Montreal Just For Laughs Festival, the New York Comedy Festival, sold out numerous solo shows at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and Sydney Comedy Festival and has toured the country with some of the biggest names in comedy, such as international superstars Jim Jefferies and Anthony Jeselnik. He was even personally selected by US comedy legend Bill Burr to support him at the Sydney Opera House. After so much success Nick is looking forward to bringing his hysterical antics to the Gold Coast.

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The laughter and side-splitting entertainment continues with the incredibly witty and very cheeky comedy legend Mick Meredith, the hilarious Greek goddess Soulla Pants and the internationally recognised and respected funny man Greg Sullivan.

Tickets to *Laugh Your Pants Off* are \$49 and are on sale 9am Monday September 21 through Ticketek at [ticketek.com.au](http://ticketek.com.au), on 132 849 or from the Jupiters Box Office.

**Date:** Friday November 13, 2015

**Time:** 7.30pm start (doors open at 6.45pm)

**Venue:** Jupiters Hotel & Casino Gold Coast

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