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Jupiters Announces Comedy Line-Up for May



Jupiters is pulling out all the stops and bringing stand-up comedy's finest to the Gold Coast for the next instalment of hit comedy series Laugh Your Pants Off on Friday May 13.

This one-night only line-up is headlined by TV favourite Peter Rowsthorn, the dynamic duo Scared Weird Little Guys, master across mediums Tom Ballard and will be hosted by the vibrant Rebecca De Unamuno.

Audiences can expect an evening packed with side splitting humour as Justin Hamilton, Ashwin Segkar, Fiona McGary, Peter Berner and Dave Callan also join the bill.

Managing Director Queensland Geoff Hogg said Jupiters' popular Laugh Your Pants Off series had cemented itself onto the entertainment calendar for the Gold Coast and the incredible mix of comedians kept audiences coming back for more.

"Friday nights are a time to relax with friends, have a laugh and be incredibly entertained and we are privileged to be able to provide that formula to Gold Coasters and host some of the best comedians from Australia and abroad," Mr Hogg said.

"It gives us great pleasure to announce the line-up for our second Laugh Your Pants off for 2016 and I urge everyone to get their tickets quickly before they sell out!"

Best known as long-suffering husband and pants-man Brett Craig on Kath & Kim, Peter Rowsthorn is an Australian favourite. A high energy, fast paced stand-up comedian one minute, and a measured character actor the next, Peter has been performing his slick and blistering stand-up for almost two decades. A regular on "Thank God You're Here" across

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four seasons, as well as popping up on “Talkin’ ‘Bout Your Generation”, most recently Peter has had TV roles in “Underbelly: Squizzy” and ABC series “It’s a Date”.

The Scared Weird Little Guys are made of John Fleming and Rusty Berther and are exceptional musicians, singers, composers and comedians. Their clever and witty parodies and versatile style make them one of Australia’s most sought after acts. With extensive tours nationally, in the US, Canada and the UK they have racked up more than three thousand performances engaging audiences with their ‘mindless stupidity for the thinking person’ brand of comedy.

Coming onto Australia’s ear-waves as one half of Triple J breakfast program “Tom and Alex”, Tom Ballard is following in the footsteps of Australian comedic royalty Wil Anderson, Adam Spencer, Mikey Robbins and Paul McDermott and is cementing himself on the comedy circuit. With regular TV appearances, Tom was recently invited to perform at the Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal where he appeared on the Wanda Sykes Gala and roasted legend Jimmy Carr.

Bringing everybody together for the jam-packed night of entertainment is none other than Rebecca De Unamuno. One of the country’s best improvisers, she has performed for more than 15 years and was the first woman in history to be named as Player of the Tournament at the Improv World Cup at the 2001 Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal. Since then she has added countless TV and film credits to her name as well as working with Seinfeld’s Jason Alexander.

The night continues at the Gold Coast’s favourite destination for comedy with Irish born Dave Callan, easily Australia’s hairiest comedian and fellow Rove alumni Justin Hamilton. Justin has been in the industry for more than 20 years carving out an incredibly successful career working as a stand-up comedian and as a writer and director lending his talents across all mediums and most recently working as a key writer for 2DayFM breakfast show ‘Rove & Sam’.

Joining them on the bill is Peter Berner who by utilising his skills at commanding an audience, works as a stand-up comedian, event MC, and conference facilitator. His intelligent humour sets him apart as a performer who can comfortably straddle comedy styles as disparate as satire, observational and reactive comedy with ease leaving audiences in hysterics.

Fiona McGary’s unique style puts audiences at ease and her warm delivery leaves people with the feeling that you’ve known her for years. Her combination of hilarious and intelligent comedy has seen her perform all over the country along-side Australia’s best performers as well as being one of only a dozen comics throughout the country to be chosen to audition for The David Letterman Show.

Ashwin Segkar started his comedy career as a writer, producing comedy cartoon Boymongoose that went on to attract more than 10 million views online and was featured on TV and radio internationally. Having been born in India but dragged through a childhood covering New Zealand, Malaysia, England and Australia, his comedy touches on cultural issues with an often absurd take.

Tickets to the May edition of Laugh Your Pants off are available for pre-sale from Saturday March 12, and go on sale to the public Monday March 14.

For more information visit www.jupitersgoldcoast.com.au

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Date: Friday May 13, 2016

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

Venue: Jupiters Gold Coast

Price: Tickets are \$49 per person. Purchase via ticketek.com.au, 132 849 or from the Jupiters Box Office.

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