

# Flight of the Conchords

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## Awards

- **2009 Nominees for 6 Emmy Awards**
- **2008 Nominees for 4 Emmy Awards**
- **Grammy Winner Best Comedy Album**
- **Sony Award Nominees Best Alternative Act**, HBO Comedy and Arts Festival
- **Aspen Perrier Award Nominees**
- **Barry Award nominees**, Melbourne Comedy Festival
- **Best Newcomers**, Melbourne Comedy Festival

Flight of the Conchords is a Grammy-winning musical comedy duo composed of Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement.

In 2005, Bret and Jemaine received an invitation to perform at the Aspen Comedy Festival, in Colorado, USA. Against tradition they left New Zealand's summer to go to the northern hemisphere's winter and were shocked by the snow when they stepped off the plane in t-shirts and jandals. The HBO executives liked their act and asked them to film a half hour performance for a stand-up comedy show called **One Night Stand**.

Over the next four years they made a TV pilot, a sitcom, released an EP (**The Distant Future**) and a full length album (self-titled LP), toured North America, made a sandwich, filmed a second season of the sitcom, toured North America again, released a second album (**I Told You I Was Freaky**), and went back to New Zealand.

The HBO sitcom became a hit. This, along with the praise for the subsequent album releases (on Sub Pop Records) and the duo's live show, was the comedic hat trick that catapulted Flight of the Conchords to international sensations.

The Conchords would also see major success individually. Jemaine lent his voice to the character Nigel the cockatoo in the **Rio** films (2011 and 2014). He was cast as "Boris The Animal" in **Men in Black 3** (2012). Jemaine also wrote, produced and starred in a variety of projects including the acclaimed Vampire comedy film, **What We Do In the Shadows**, and **People Places Things**. More recently, he joined the cast of **The BFG**, the Steven Spielberg adaptation of the Roald Dahl book, as the giant named Fleshlumpeter.

Bret has also been hard at work writing and acting for various television and film projects. Most notably **The Muppets** (2011) and **Muppets Most Wanted** (2014), the

former of which won him an Academy Award for “Best Original Song” for the power ballad “Man or Muppet”. In 2012 he starred in the New Zealand black comedy **Two Little Boys** and then in 2013 he was cast in Jerusha Hess’s romantic comedy **Austenland**. He is currently writing the screenplay and songs for a film adaption of Neil Gaiman’s book **Fortunately the Milk** as well as penning tunes for the upcoming Disney film **Bob the Musical**.

And somehow, between all of the film and TV work, the Conchords managed to co-headline the “Oddball Comedy & Curiosity Festival” alongside Dave Chappelle in 2013.

In 2016, Jemaine and Bret announced the wildly successful **The Flight of the Conchords sing Flight of the Conchords Tour**. The duo premiered new material alongside fan favorites, and quickly sold out amphitheatres and concert halls across the U.S. Also that year, the duo headlined Tenacious D’s Festival Supreme in Los Angeles. The tour came to the UK and Ireland in 2018, their first UK shows in seven years. The tour sold out arenas countrywide and ended with a four-night run at London’s Eventim Apollo in Hammersmith, one of which was filmed and released as special on HBO, entitled **Flight Of The Conchords: Live In London**.