

Laura Davis

‘Smart, challenging, ambitious, playful and funny’

Steve Bennett, Chortle

Awards:

Winner: Comedy Channel Moosehead Award 2016

Winner: Melbourne International Comedy Festival Golden Gibbo Winner 2015

Winner: Melbourne Fringe Best Comedy 2015

Winner: Best Comedy WA Fringeworld 2013

Laura Davis is a multi-award-winning Australian stand-up comedian and writer, based in London.

Since making her name in 2008 as a national finalist in the Melbourne International Comedy Festival RAW competition, Laura has returned to MICF ten times with eight different solo shows, garnering a reputation as one of the most talented and distinctive acts performing at the festival. Her sixth offering, **Ghost Machine**, won her both the **Golden Gibbo** and the **Melbourne Fringe Best Comedy Award** in 2015. **Marco Polo**, her 2016 show for MICF and the Adelaide Fringe Festival, won her the prestigious **Comedy Channel Moosehead Award**.

Laura made her Edinburgh Fringe debut in 2017 with **Cake in the Rain** and returned 2018 with a reprise of **Ghost Machine**. Both shows received widespread critical acclaim and secured subsequent runs at London’s Soho Theatre. This summer will see Laura return to the Fringe with her latest show, **Better Dead than a Coward**.

Laura was a writer on the seventh and eighth seasons of ABC TV’s **Shaun Micallef’s Mad As Hell**, Australia’s long-running satirical news and current affairs program, and she has also performed stand-up on ABC TV’s **Comedy Up Late**, **MICF Upfront Gala** and **ABC Comedy Next Gen Special**.

Laura has also been a guest on several of the UK’s leading podcasts, including **The Adam Buxton Podcast**, **The Comedian’s Comedian Podcast** and **The Guilty Feminist**.

Live:

- Ghost Machine, Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2018
- Cake in the Rain, Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2017
- Cake in the Rain, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2017
- Marco Polo, Adelaide Fringe 2017
- Marco Polo, Moosehead Award Show, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2016
- Ghost Machine, Golden Gibbo Award Show, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2015
- Pillow of Strength, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2014
- Look Out, It’s A Trap, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2013
- Notes From Birds, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2012
- The Dog in the Ink, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2011
- Ant’s Don’t Sleep, Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2010
- MICF Comedy Zone 2009
- MICF RAW Comedy National Finalist 2008

Writing

- Shaun Micallef's Mad As Hell (ABC TV, 2017-2018)

Television:

- ABC Comedy Next Gen Special (Performer, ABC TV, 2016)
- MICF Upfront Gala (Performer, ABC TV, 2018)
- MICF Comedy Up Late (Performer, ABC TV 2017)

Podcasts:

- The Guilty Feminist Podcast
- The Adam Buxton Podcast (Guest, 2018)
- MICF Comedy Up Late (Performer, ABC TV 2017)

Press Comments:

'A different kind of provocative... Smart, challenging, ambitious, playful and funny.' ★★★★★ Chortle.co.uk

'Genuinely brilliant stand-up.' Comedy.co.uk

'An hour with Laura Davis leaves you feeling uplifted, somewhat bewildered and utterly amazed by such blistering talent.' ★★★★★ Time Out

'A lot of laughs from this rising stand-up star.' ★★★★★ The List

'A beautiful, expressive show.' ★★★★★ Fest Magazine (ref. Ghost Machine)

'...extraordinary stand-up that squeezes your heart until you feel the blood surging through your body' ★★★★★.5
The Age

'Impossible not to laugh. Everyone left on a high.' ★★★★★ Herald Sun

'This is when the real magic begins; Davis flexes her improv muscles and comfortably lets things loosen up before bringing things home with genuine heart. Last year, Davis earned her status as a cult favourite; this year shows why she won't remain an underground name for much longer.' ★★★★★ Time Out

'The performance itself is an act of defiance...one of the more fascinating shows at the festival.' Chortle.co.uk

'This is more than straight stand up. This is a performance. This is an experience. A bloody spectacular one... Davis doesn't own the stage. She owns the room.' Illegitimate Theatre



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