

Lawrence Leung

Actor, Writer and Award Winning Comedian

Lawrence Leung is an Australian actor, writer and a hilarious, award-winning stand up comedian known for his personal story telling style and obsession with nerdy subjects.

Enormously talented, he created the ABC1 comedies *Lawrence Leung's Unbelievable* and the AFI Award-nominated *Choose Your Own Adventure*.

Lawrence also co-wrote and played the lead in Matchbox/ABC2's comedy series *Maximum Choppage*. The feature film *Sucker* is adapted from his award-winning one-man stage show of the same name and won Best Narrative Feature at the St Lawrence International Film Festival (USA).



Lawrence Leung has been nominated for AWGIES for both *Sucker* (with director Ben Chessell) and *Maximum Choppage*. For the stage, Lawrence has written and performed one-man shows that have toured Edinburgh, London's Soho Theatre and the Sydney Opera House.

He has played the Melbourne, Perth and Sydney Comedy Festivals with his show *Very Strange Things*.

He appeared on *Offspring* as Dr Elvis Kwan and other appearances include *Newton's Law* and *Top of the Lake: China Girl, My Life is Murder* and the new ABC/Netflix series *Why Are You Like This?* He has also written for a variety of TV shows including *The Chaser's War on Everything*, *The Family Law*, *The Feed* and *Hard Quiz*.

Lawrence Leung fell into comedy while studying psychology. Mid-degree he began distracting himself from his studies by performing stand up and improvised sketch comedy in uni revues, pubs and comedy clubs. He co-founded The Improbables and is a former cast member and assistant director of the Melbourne University Comedy Revue.

Lawrence is known in comedy circles for his personal storytelling style, "social experiments", quest-based solo shows and obsession with obscure or nerdy topics like puzzles, 80s childhood icons, con artists, psychology and ghosts.

Between touring and performing shows Lawrence has been a regular guest on radio and television

including breakfast radio (3RRR) *Get This* (3MMM) and *Loose Ends* (BBC). He has co-hosted the Sunday morning breakfast show on Melbourne's FOX FM and been a correspondent on SBS2 week nightly news/culture show *The Feed*.

Lawrence's latest online show *Connected* has recently been performed as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. His online show was developed during the first lockdowns and performed for corporate clients. It's called *Mind-Hacking* and is an interactive zoom event.

MIND-HACKING WITH LAWRENCE LEUNG

Want to know how to read minds? What if you could analyse someone's body language like Sherlock Holmes? Or tell when someone is lying to you? ABC TV comedian and mentalist Lawrence Leung takes online viewers on a thrilling, interactive show that demonstrates fascinating secrets that combine the skills of the psychologist, the lies of a magician and the charm of a con artist. Maybe he'll learn a few secrets about you too!

Client testimonials

“ Lawrence is always a real hit with our clients and is excellent at tailoring each performance to suit his audience. He always comes well prepared and pulls off a winning show every time. We book him annually for several large scale events and always receive excellent feedback. Because of this we have continued to ask him back each year.

- Onshore Recruitment, The University of Melbourne

“ Lawrence is a delight to work with and responds very well to a brief. Not only is he intelligent and funny, he is a dedicated professional who prepares well for an event and takes pride in matching material to suit the audience.

- Guardian Australia

“ Lawrence was exceptional at developing and delivering a 'Secular Sermon' for The School of Life. With a background in psychology, comedy and being a master on stage, Lawrence crafted and delivered a thought-provoking, hilarious, yet philosophically deep Sermon. We would work with him again in an instant.

- The School of Life Australia

“ The inherently interactive nature of magic and mentalism mean they translate well to the medium of Zoom. And when the practitioner is not only as skilled as Lawrence Leung but as cheerful and upbeat, the result is both convivial and mind-blowing.

- *Chortle.co.uk*

“ This session (zoom) casts its spell with such ingenuity and charm that you’re surprised and slightly disappointed when it ends. Smart fun, suitable for all ages.

- *The Times (UK)*

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