

Steph Tisdell

Comedian, MC and Keynote Speaker

Steph Tisdell is one of Australia's leading Indigenous female comedians, renowned for her uplifting yet earnest approach to comedy. Personable and hilarious, her bold stand-up routines never fail to entertain, yet always leave her audience deep in thought.

Steph is also a memorable speaker who draws on her family history and pontificates about the future she hopes Australia will embrace. Always pragmatic, Steph's presentations are vulnerable and insightful. By drawing on her own stories of struggle and resilience, she provides realistic insights into her culture and identity. Steph has delivered presentations to the likes of Brisbane City Council, Life Without Borders, Bridgit Water Foundation, Melbourne Girls Grammar and Future Females.



More about Steph Tisdell:

Steph Tisdell had no intention of becoming a comedian. Instead, she was planning a career in policy development and Aboriginal advocacy, having undertaken a degree in law and journalism at the University of Queensland. A proud Murri (Qld Aboriginal) woman, Steph stumbled into comedy after a dare in a bar in Dublin. Soon after, she took out the National Title for the 2014 Deadly Funny's.

Steph moved to Edinburgh, Scotland to develop her technique, delivery and stage presence as a comedian, performing regularly with the famous Stand Comedy Club alongside world-class comedians. She quickly made a name for herself, becoming a crowd favourite in Scotland, a semi-finalist in the coveted So You Think You're Funny Competition, runner up in the Hilarity Bites Best Newcomer and a finalist in the Yesbar Comedian of the Year Competition. Performing on various bills during the 2015 Edinburgh Festival, Steph delivered a solo performance called *Boob-a-rang* during the Fringe.

In 2016 Steph returned down under to open for the Scottish Comedian of the Year, during the Adelaide Fringe Festival. She quickly became a regular for Best of the Best, Phatcave, and SetList, and featured on the Dumb White Guy podcast with Brendan Burns, Greg Fleet, Lawrence Mooney and Lindsay Webb.



Taking a year off, Steph returned to the scene in 2017 with a renewed sense of purpose, passion and depth to her material. Her comeback went off with a big bang, appearing as a special guest for the Aboriginal Comedy Allstars as part of Australia's largest comedy festival, the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Steph shared the stage with Australia's best Aboriginal comedians Andy Saunders, Kevin Kropinyeri and Sean Choolburra.

In her presentations - whether as a keynote speaker or comedian - Steph invites her audiences to laugh along, all the while learning how to start bridging the gap for reconciliation. Her witty observations challenge stereotypes in a non-offensive and hilarious way. Her on stage presence is known for impressive facial expressions, outrageous re-enactments and improvisations.

Client testimonials

“ Unafraid to jump from confronting to funny, Tisdell delivers a show that everyone can take something away from

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