

2021 AACTA AWARDS

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MAITLAND HANLEY

Run Time

approx. 2 minutes

Candidates

Maitland Hanley

I'm a 26 year old man child that loves making stupid videos, and travelling the world.

Notes

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SAM COTTON

Run Time

approx. 1 minute

Candidates

Sam Cotton

Sam Cotton is an Australian actor, writer and illustrator. He was born in Nambour and grew up in Queensland. Sam was the lead role in Revolver's critically acclaimed 6-part ABC series, Diary of an Uber Driver. Sam has also appeared as series regular Bruce Rosehaven on the ABC, as Wayne in The Family Law on SBS and as Adam in Mr Inbetween. Sam's recent acting credits include roles in Mille Lies Low, The Moth Effect, Bluey and Transfusion. Sam's skill set includes illustration and animation. He was winner of the inaugural SPA / TikTok pitching competition "Got A Minute" for his original idea Ani-mates.

Notes

Your Rating



THE UNNATURAL HISTORRY SHOW WITH ROSS NOBLE

Princess Pictures Pty Ltd | Little Dot Studios

Run Time

approx. 35 minutes

Candidates

Mike Cowap
Ross Noble
Gemma Murphy

Nature is all around us. It's above our heads and it's below our feet. It's crawling around in our body hair and requires special shampoo to be destroyed. Mother Nature can be found hiding around every corner and in every crevice, just waiting to be discovered... LET'S FIND THAT MOTHER! Ross Noble and Professor Shania Coddle join fantastical forces to host THE UNNATURAL HISTORY SHOW - documenting the magical hatching of the elusive Ferrototo Worm, a truly once-in-a-lifetime spectacle that will be brought into your home through our cameras and then eventually through your human-made screens. THE UNNATURAL HISTORY SHOW is a love letter to the classic natural history TV series that writer/director Ross Noble grew up on, but this is the fantastical, bizarre, other-worldly version that he always wanted to see. The series was launched in July '21 on Ross's YouTube Channel and has achieved impressive views, more than doubled Ross's subscribers, and inspired significant fan engagement.

Notes

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FAIRBAIRN FILMS

Run Time

approx. 3 minutes

Candidates

Lachlan Fairbairn
Jaxon Fairbairn

We are Lachlan and Jaxon Fairbairn. We make comedy sketches and lifestyle vlogs on our YouTube channel called Fairbairn Films. We've been making videos together since we were both children and we just have never stopped. Our videos range from topical satires to common household arguments. A fair amount of our catalogue could be described as nonsensical as well, but our followers engage keenly even if the video is about nothing in particular. We lean into our country Australian accents and personalities, some of our international popularity could perhaps be attributed to that. All in all, we are a couple of coutry lads having a laugh, and putting it on the internet.

Notes

Your Rating



LIFE SAVER

On Toast Films

Run Time

approx. 11 minutes

Candidates

Nathan Clark Sapsford

Two Surf Life Savers sit on an empty beach in the middle of a global pandemic. No one's there. There's no one to save. What next? Our underworked first responder heroes grapple with the issues of life, work and news events while trying to make sense of their world in pandemic lockdown. An ongoing, vexatious comedy series.

Notes

Your Rating



SEXY NAILS

Photoplay Films

Run Time

approx. 7 minutes

Candidates

Tom Slater
Oliver Lawrance
Scott Otto Anderson

Sam and Luca are best friends, standing in front of a wall of nail polish, asking it to love them. Luca is tall, strong, and dressed in natural fibres. Sam is a little bit less tall, much less strong, and with a glint in his eye. Together, they choose their colours and sit down in front of a bright purple wall to get their nails did. In front of them sit Kate and Alice, the nail techs who will be their (occasionally bemused) Sherpas on this journey of pastel self-discovery. And so it begins. In graphic close-up, nails are soaked, cleaned, clipped, filed, buffed, painted and top-coated. As they indulge in a beauty process they will very quickly come to love, Sam and Luca chat, swap stories, and reveal things to each other they haven't been able to say before. Each month they meet up, choose a colour, and make fun of / support each other in equal measure. Sam is in a young marriage that's full of love and compromise as he learns how to share a life with another person. Luca, as a vital young man with nice hair, dates a lot of girls and in the process encounters near-countless ways to embarrass himself. Through it all, they do their best. They don't always get it right, but by examining their pitfalls Sexy Nails takes a clear-eyed view of modern masculinity and celebrates the nice bits while deconstructing the bad.

Notes

Your Rating



THERAPY: THE MUSICAL

Kaitlyn Boye and Janelle McMenamin

Run Time

approx. 6 minutes

Candidates

Kaitlyn Boye
Janelle McMenamin

A quirky therapist hopes to plant some positivity in the mind of a young client... the musical.

Notes

Your Rating



THE WAR ON 2020

Chaser Digital Pty Ltd

Run Time

approx. 39 minutes

Candidates

Victoria Zerbst
Jenna Owen
Charles Firth
Chloe Angelo

Just when you thought 2020 couldn't get any worse, now you have to read this synopsis. In 2020, Australia lived through a year our grandkids will be completely bored by when they're learning about it in Year 9. That's why Australia's best satirists joined forces to create a sketch comedy series about the worst year in living memory. From bushfires to pandemics to Donald Trumps, the central argument is simple: that 2020 is the most significant year in modern history. (At least until 2021 comes around). After 2020, the world will never be the same. Written and performed by Nina Oyama, Sami Shah, Jenna Owen, Victoria Zerbst, Nat Damena, Mark Humphries, Charles Firth and James Schloeffel deliver the definitive comedy take on the year that historians are calling everything from "shithouse" to "fucking shithouse". The series was directed by Victoria Zerbst and Jenna Owen, with Chloe Angelo as the cinematographer.

Notes

Your Rating



PERFECT MESSY LOVE

Gemini Arts & Media

Run Time

approx. 74 minutes

Candidates

Tam sainsbury

EMILY, an aspiring romance author, leads the perfect inner city life in London. However after being left jobless following the bookshop closing down and betrayed after finding her boyfriend kissing Barbie outside the pub, Em is motivated by her bestie BIANCA, to go and write her book. Emily organises a house swap with MATT, in Queensland Australia. He's an easy going landscape gardener and a bit of a country lad. Definitely not her type! Nor is the dog he has lumped on her to care for in this imperfect deal. Em settles in to his beach house and embraces a Queensland summer where she meets James, the international pilot, who asks Em out. Em is tempted but tries to resist given he is exactly who she is escaping from in London. Meanwhile, Em and Matt develop a rapport over Facetime. Matt encourages Em in her writing. Em espouses her theories on love – that people have to have the same interests for the romance to survive. Em is fascinated by Matt but holds back, as who is the girl in the photos hidden in his cupboard? And why won't he talk about her. Matt also holds back, he has past secrets that he is sure Emily won't accept. Before Em has a chance to find out anything more, her bestie Bianca comes across Matt and commences a hot fling with him. Em's sad she missed out, so she decides she may as well give things a go with James. When Matt returns to Queensland unexpectedly, Emily and Matt are forced to confront their differences. Once Emily can see Matt for who he is and finds out the truth about his past, she must now decide where her heart lies and whether she can be true to herself. She wants the perfect love but she is now finding out love can only ever be perfectly messy!

Notes

Your Rating



COLOUR BLIND

Bag of Marbles

Run Time

approx. 29 minutes

Candidates

Tai Hara

A self-proclaimed visionary in the world of ethnic casting, Gavin's life mission is to bring all the shades of the human palette to our screens. However despite his best intentions, Gavin's whiteness is glaring as he blunders through situations of cultural sensitivity with little to no understanding of the people he seeks to promote.

Notes

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CANCELLED

SBS

Run Time

approx. 22 minutes

Candidates

Ben Jenkins
Vic Zerbst
Alex Lee
Jenna Owen

Cancelled! is a half hour satirical special produced by the comedy team at The Feed at SBS. It takes the form of a countdown show — think 20 to 1 or I Love The 90s -- and explores four fictional “cancellations” in Australia's history. Cancelled! draws on non-scripted television formats to parody the discussions about representational media that have taken up our news feeds. The comedy special bravely asks questions like: What was Australia's first television gaffe and how did it kill Harold Holt? What was the corporate mishap during the Marriage Equality plebiscite? Can you separate the art from the murders the artist has done? What happens when an Australian boy band releases a song called MeToo weeks before the #MeToo movement? These questions are posed with commentator interviews, “archival footage”, repurposed news stock, graphical elements, and narration by TV legend John Burgess himself, which situate these outrageous premises in the real world. Each countdown segment playfully explores the chaos of the Australian culture wars, the endless churn of the news cycle, the limits of free speech and the corporate appropriation of cultural movements. Coming in at number four is half love letter and half critique of the “golden age” of Australian TV: The Bert Gunt and the Gunt Girl: the first television show ever pulled off air. Taking clear queues from Graham Kennedy and Denise Drysdale, the segment eulogises a female-dominated variety and prank show from the early 60s, which has now become a cult classic. The show ended in tragedy in 1967, when the team took the joke too far, pulling a prank at Cheviot Beach that ended up killing the Prime Minister. Number three charts the disastrous attempt of a toy company to “buy some rainbows” during the 2017 marriage equality plebiscite with their line of inclusive dolls. And who could forget the famous Australian novel All the Bodies in the Well? The number two cancellation is a dark satire of the art vs artist debate, played out in the literary world of Australia. A novel with disturbingly violent imagery sets off a debate about free speech, with everyone taking a side. Things are muddled when it's revealed that the book was in fact intended as a memoir, and the author committed several grisly murders in the early 2000s. Finally, the relationship between music industry and the #MeToo movement is turned on its head when male Aussie pop duo TLDR release their new single MeToo weeks before “people decided sexual assault was bad”. Cancelled! Is pitch-black comedy about who gets a seat at the table, who gets to decide what's offensive, the lingering damage done by a non-stop culture war and whether or not high waisted jeans have ever looked good on anyone.

Notes

Your Rating



STRAIGHT OUTTA COVID

Cesar Salmeron Pty Ltd

Run Time

approx. 3 minutes

Candidates

Cesar Salmeron

Two kids post covid lockdown discuss what matters most...to them!

Notes

Your Rating



CHAN & DEE'S DRINK TANK

Wonderland Productions

Run Time

approx. 12 minutes

Candidates

Claire Haywood

After being run over at a zebra crossing - not once but twice, divorcees Chanel & Dior are forced to confront their worst nightmare...they are invisible! Being 50, female and 'very very fucked off', they decide to create their own TV chat show. But when Chan loses her co-host after the first episode, she is forced to call in favours from her old Kinkytoppers school friends who, as luck would have it, are all keen to be her new Dee. Fuelled by the fury of insignificance and a truckload of mojitos, these outraged ladies-who-lunch set out to investigate what the world's thinking drinking women have to say about politics, fashion and men. Chan not-so-secretly hopes her show will be an Insta sensation and bring business to her Medimetricsbotolaze beauty clinic. With all the behind-the-scenes being filmed during her show, Chan soon discovers she has her manicured hands full. Between wrangling the homeless-at-50 Bettina Westfield Rockbottom who keeps dropping in for a nip at the bar and a sleepover, and her demanding mother Joy, mayhem erupts on the set, and Chan's dark roots are exposed.

Notes

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SAVING DAYLIGHT

Faucet Fictions

Run Time

approx. 11 minutes

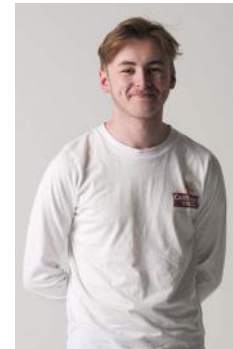
Candidates

Nathan Gothard
Benjamin Balte
Alexandria Burnham

A hotel concierge must change all the clocks in the hotel before Daylight Savings begins

Notes

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BLAKE PAVEY

Blake Pavey

Run Time

approx. 1 minutes

Candidates

Blake Pavey

Blake Pavey (@blakepavey) is a country born, 19 year old sketch comic, stand up comedian and actor who got his start making short form content on TikTok. As one of the first Australian creators to blow up during TikToks "golden era" - Blake built his resume creating characters based on his life. Characters including Paul, a middle aged dad. Tiff and Jess, two twin sisters in year 12 and many others that draw inspiration from all parts of Blake's life. His "Perfect Son in Law" series garnered millions of views and showcased his ability to write character based sketch comedy. But Blake really reached his peak by making satirical and social commentary videos based on COVID-19 and the many countries response to it around the globe. His first "COVID Update" video has amassed 12.2 million views and 2 million likes, with the following update videos reaching millions of views again. It was Blakes satirical take and social commentary that garnered the attention of American political action committee "The Lincoln Project" which gave the video worldwide attention, with the video even being sent to the Trump family directly. Within a span of just a month after making that first COVID update video, Blake's following on TikTok went from 200,000 to 500,000, reaching a worldwide audience. He then decided to bring his satirical takes a little closer to home, with comedy content suited towards the Australian political climate with COVID, Scomo scandals and every other topic that has garnered national attention in the past 12 months. He also sometimes delves into his personal life, by spreading awareness of his life long battle with Cystic Fibrosis. A genetic, life threatening disease that currently see's his life expectancy at 47 years old. However, Blake maintains a balance between the political and the relatable. By stretching his content between topical/political/satirical takes, character based sketch comedy, and skits about normal everyday life (with the occasional video where he just wants to have a laugh). He primarily leans towards making comedy content that deconstructs societal ideas and expectations, along with abnormal human behavior. This has given Blake a following of over 700,000 people on TikTok, with audiences also going over to other platforms such as Instagram and YouTube. These videos have also given Blake the opportunity to work in the television and radio industries, with a short stint on the ABC's "Behind The News" where he was able to lend his creative voice to childrens based news on a national scale. He is a relatively new voice on the Australian comedy scene. But you can be sure you have not seen the last of Blake Pavey.

Notes

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GLEN

Corinthian Food Store

Run Time

approx. 9 minutes

Candidates

Jeremy Brull
Katherine Shearer
Duncan Ragg
Jessica Marshall

Deep into his first lockdown, 50-year-old Glen is given a second chance at love... but only if he can summon the courage to come face to Facebook with the perils of online seduction.

Notes

Your Rating



BUNKER DOWN UNDER

Perseverantia

Run Time

approx. 19 minutes

Candidates

Jack Connell

When new girl Emma moves into an underground bunker to escape the impending apocalypse, she must quickly adapt to the harsh environment and her unorthodox roommates Isaac, Romeo and Hannibal who are caught in a relentless contest with their neighbour. In a not-so-distant future, Emma gets the chance of a lifetime when she is offered an escape underground. Seeking solidarity, she slowly suspects her new life is not all it was cracked up to be. With no beds, no meat and no sign of the previous roommate except for an ominous bloodstain on the wall, she begins to fear for her life. In desperate need of food, Emma graciously accepts an invitation to join their neighbour Susie for lunch. Unable to convince her otherwise, the boys reluctantly tag along in an attempt to expose Susie's flaws. Narrowly avoiding a vicious brawl, Emma and the gang return home to find the bunker ransacked; rent gone and their willingness to retaliate low. Forced to pull the boys out of their depressive state, Emma manages to rally them together and devises a plan to not only take back their rent but put an end to their rivalry with Susie once and for all.

Notes

Your Rating



DOG DATE AFTERNOON

The Storytellr

Run Time

approx. 9 minutes

Candidates

Lachlan Ryan

A comedy short for animal lovers of all ages. To date the girl of his dreams, a germaphobe must win over the most important loved one in her life... her dog. But he'll soon learn that man's best friend can become man's worst enemy!

Notes

Your Rating



ALL MY FRIENDS ARE RACIST

Maximo Entertainment and Hoodlum Entertainment

Run Time

approx. 68 minutes

Candidates

Enoch Mailangi
Kodie Bedford
Bjorn Stewart
Liliana Munoz

Best friends Casey (Davey Thompson) and Belle (Tuuli Narkle) live the best life together in Brisbane. He's an aspiring influencer and she's a budding lawyer. They are the hottest friendship in town and the party is always at theirs. They ARE the zoomer ELITE. That is until they're cancelled. When their 'burn book' wall, where they've listed all their friends as racists with receipts, is discovered, Casey and Belle are ousted from the friendship group. Belle thinks it's the end of their social life but Casey sees it as an opportunity; they don't need racists in their lives and they will start a revolution. Casey and Belle decide to post an anti-apology apology on YouTube and watch the outrage storm brew while coasting on likes and instant fame. Casey gets off on infamy. His social influencer career will take him to Coachella where he can call out Indian headdress wearers. Belle, on the other hand, is in full panic mode believing her lawyer career over before it has begun because no firm will hire her due to defamation risk. But while they're loved online, the fallout continues IRL. Their former friends are pissed. Their families are pissed. It's hard to even get an Uber delivery of cocaine. Casey and Belle find it's them against the world, and they need to stick together if they are going to ride the wave of cancellation fame. However, the higher they go, the bigger the side-eyes and soon Casey and Belle's friendship is at risk of being cancelled as the best friends realize they don't bring out the best in each other. All My Friends Are Racist is fueled with self-absorbed chaotic navigation of friendship and heart; putting the con in reconciliation in the era of Black is King. It celebrates the wonderful, the queer, the ridiculous and the awkward, as our characters proudly champion themselves to be the change of today's generation, to be the voice of the underdog and to not be an ally, but a friend: a really hot best fucking friend.

Notes

Your Rating



TRAINING @ WAKEFIELD

Jungle Entertainment

Run Time

approx. 3 minutes

Candidates

Phil Lloyd
Alexander Mitchell
Danielle Boesenberg

Training @ Wakefield is a series of Staff Orientation Video Manuals, as presented by Peter Seaman (Sam Simmons), one of the carers from Wakefield Hospital, and is aimed at new staff. It was written and directed by Katoomba-based corporate video maker, Adrian Sarlis, and the questionable results speak for themselves. Training @ Wakefield was a shortform companion webseries to the ABC television drama series 'Wakefield'.

Notes

Your Rating



HUG THE SUN

Haven't You Done Well, Johnny Ma Studios

Run Time

approx. 48 minutes

Candidates

Aaron McCann
Sam Lingham

6x 8-9min Webseries. The Children's TV show Hug the Sun ran between 1989-1991. It was designed to teach Australian kids about the teaching of Oxtos (an esoteric, fringe religion that worshiped the great sun god). However, on February 23rd 1991, the show disappeared from the airwaves... until now.

Notes

Your Rating



MAGMA

Stupid Old Studios

Run Time

approx. 10 minutes

Candidates

Emma Sharp
Alasdair Tremblay-Birchall
Andy Matthews
Evan Munro-Smith

Logline: Two visionary idiots try to build a new society out of nothing but cooling liquid rock and pet peeves. A sketch show disguised as a sci-fi engineering presentation on the glorious potential of the new magma mining industry. Synopsis: In this 'engineering presentation', engineers and BFFs Jerry Roberts and Martin Chrysalis propose the new industry of mining magma to build a new island. They engineer this new utopia, with nothing but the liquid hot rock solid potential of magma. Created by writers and comedians Andy Matthews and Alasdair Tremblay-Borchall, these two exciting, emerging performers are doing what they do best, blending everything they learned in their failed engineering careers with two decades experience in the thriving Melbourne comedy scene. "This show has no less ambition than solving all mankind's problems... Magma comprises jokes upon jokes upon jokes, jokes, and the effect is laughs that build and build... their script is precision engineered," - Steve Bennett, Chortle.co.uk

Notes

Your Rating



STEAMED DREAMS: AN EXTREME IRONING STORY

Perseverantia

Run Time

approx. 15 minutes

Candidates

Jack Connell
Amelia Morgan-de Laine

Harold "The Hanging" Highclimber is an extreme ironist whose passion has resulted in immense social media fame. About to set the record for the most extreme ironing expeditions, his monumental achievement is cut short when his photographer and lifelong friend falls off a cliff. Reflecting on his time as an extreme ironist, Harold is forced to return to the sport when an American teams photo gets more likes than his last.

Notes

Your Rating



MISS!

Fire and Grace Films

Run Time

approx. 7 minutes

Candidates

Rebecca Greensill
Jessica Branch

Sitting on an adult-sized chair, going to the bathroom, achieving a snot-free day. These are just some of the unachievable goals of our Primary School Teachers who face frontline horrors every single day... sometimes it's the little things. Miss... Miss?... Miss... Miss!... Miss... Miss... Mum (blushes)... Miss!... Miss? ... Miss! It's annoying even reading it, right? Then spare a thought for Primary School Teachers everywhere as that refrain permeates their very beings, that one word being uttered, shouted, said, cried, screamed and burped thousands of times a day. West Park Primary School is a K-6 school just like any other. The teachers are bright, dedicated and just a little cracked. When fresh college graduate, Lily, lands at the hallowed gates ready to impart all the wisdom she gained from her university degree, mid-career Sarah, and old-hat Kath are there to support her, encourage her and burst her bubble when needed. When teaching children the cuteness factor is always matched by the horrors, the successes matched by the abject failures and the office politics matched by nothing. A comedic exploration of how our teachers try to juggle a professional environment full of small children, Miss! is an homage and a thank you to teachers everywhere. Hopefully they see a little of themselves in this, and know that we appreciate them.

Notes

Your Rating



ROBOROVSKI

SYA Concept Production | Spectre Studios

Run Time

approx. 15 minutes

Candidates

Tilda Cobham-Hervey

Roborovski follows the eponymous thimble sized hamster, who spends his days in Marvin's Pet Shop, hoping to find a family. However, when he is constantly overlooked by the people and animals around him his seething resentment and intense jealousy soon takes hold and a murderous side of little Roborovski is released.

Notes

Your Rating



SAMMY J

Buxstock Entertainment Pty Ltd

Run Time

approx. 3 minutes

Candidates

Sammy J
Michelle Buxton
Chris McDonald

Biting, bite-sized comedy - Sammy J and his team of troublemakers tackle the news of the week. Every Thursday the team deliver 3 minutes of tight turn-around, topical, political satire at its best. From post-match analysis with the Government Coach to morale boosting leadership from Hookturnistan, craft activities in Playground Politics and yoga flows to keep you sane, Mr J continues to flog our leaders with wet lettuce until they refer him to the High Court. Sammy J's unique comedic talents, satire, and his insatiable appetite for politics blend with the successful characters, original songs and 'small worlds' of his previous three series to create the perfect platform from which he can harass and heckle the politics of the day. Constantly pushing comedic boundaries and trying to avoid repetition, Sammy J proves that "It's not the size of timeslot, it's how you use it."

Notes

Your Rating



#FLAWED

Self - Linda Niksic

Run Time

approx. 8 minutes

Candidates

Linda Niksic
Elizabeth Farkas

After a rosé induced meltdown, Ashleigh soon realises that taking the perfect selfie is anything but perfect.

Notes

Your Rating



COMIC TIMINGS OF LIFE

Knockout Productions

Run Time

approx. 77 minutes

Candidates

Mansi Mehta
Kabir Singh
Harsh Gupta
Shamini Singhal

Comic Timings of Life is the first-ever Indian-Australian bilingual web series showcasing a light yet realistic take on migrants' lives. The story revolves around the lives of 6 characters, out of which four reside in Sydney and two are in India hoping to come to start their journey in Australia. It'll speak of their constant dilemmas between their passion vs their mundane hustle to do everything to sustain in the new environment. This topic has never been presented in this genre so Knockout Productions had to go for it. The title denotes how their idea of living abroad shatters into realities instead of living the Australian dream. The story speaks of three different mindsets which are highlighted by the characters. The Nostalgic - These are the people who miss home and wish to go back and are not happy with the migration. The Happy/Grateful - They are happy they migrated to start afresh and are grateful for the opportunity given. The indifferent - These people got similar opportunities both at home and away so they are taking life as it comes.

Notes

Your Rating



THIS TOWN AIN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR THE BOTH OF US

Run Time

approx. 7 minutes

Candidates

Lucy Green
D.C. Fairhurst
Goldie Soetianto

Two rival pickpockets engage in an increasingly risky game of cat & mouse.

Notes

Your Rating



ISAAC BUTTERFIELD

Run Time

approx. 10 minutes

Candidates

Isaac Butterfield

In the last two years, Isaac Butterfield has emerged as one of Australia's most popular comedians for his dangerous, no holds bar brand of comedy. From empty dingy pubs to sold-out theatre shows, Butterfield has proven that whether you like it or not, there is an appetite for a wrecking ball of humour in this ever-growing sensitive society.

Notes

Your Rating



STICK

Burren House

Run Time

approx. 16 minutes

Candidates

Michael Gosden

When Will, an inexperienced and insecure bushwalker, leads his friends into a mysterious bush trail, they unknowingly awaken a dark curse. Now, they must escape before being splintered and skewered by mother nature and what hides beneath the thick bush.

Notes

Your Rating



ANIMAL WORK

ANIMAL WORK

Zak Marrinan

Run Time

approx. 7 minutes

Candidates

Mitchell Brotz
Zak Marrinan

An anxious young man is attending his first group therapy session but all is not what it seems when the other participants begin to act like wild animals.

Notes

Your Rating



RESISTANCE

The French Corp | Buffalo Corrp

Run Time

approx. 8 minutes

Candidates

Maxime Chefdeville

France is occupied, but fortunately a group of die-hard Normans has not said its last word. Entrenched in the forest, they are determined to continue the fight.

Notes

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TOM CARDY

Tom Cardy

Run Time

approx. 2 minutes

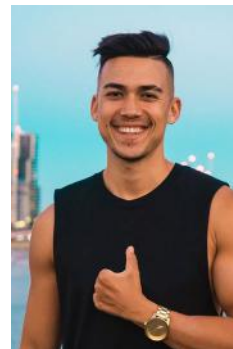
Candidates

Tom Cardy

I am a musician and comedian who uses musical production value and storytelling to make comedy videos and songs. I love building on ideas and heightening jokes and premises, especially when I can use all the tools at my disposal in song writing and audio engineering/mixing to create tension and play with expectations.

Notes

Your Rating



JAMIE ZHU

Run Time

approx. 5 minutes

Candidates

Jamie Zhu

Meet Jamie Zhu, you may have seen him on one of his viral videos (along with 1Bilion others) :) He's a young content creator from Sydney who loves making people laugh. He travels the world spreading his message of positivity and happiness. His 6.5M + followers thoroughly enjoy his antics and actively engage with whatever he does.

Notes

Your Rating



INSPIRED UNEMPLOYED

Run Time

approx. 5 minutes

Candidates

Jack Steele

Matt Ford

South Coast larrikins, Jack and Matt, have been creating videos for fun since their high school days. The boys have gone on to become some of the most highly engaged content creators Australia wide with their page, The Inspired Unemployed, where they boast a strong Australian based following. Through their growth on the platform, the boys have had the opportunity to work with a range of high tier brands including the NRL, Kayo Sports and Vogue.

Notes

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CHRISTIAN HULL

Run Time

approx. 5 minutes

Candidates

Christian Hull

Christian Hull is an Australian Comedian and Creator who has accumulated over 600 million views on his plethora of hilarious videos and gained a loyal following of over 2 million followers on social media. Christian's podcast "Complete Drivel" drives over 9,000 listeners tuning into each episode to hear his outlandish stories and general chit chat and currently sits within the top 100 podcasts in Australia. Christian has built up a fiercely loyal fan base who are highly engaged, resulting in Christian launching his "fuck off flower pendant" merchandise which went viral and sold over 12,000 units globally. Following on from this success, Christian launched his very own roll-on scent which radiates 'fuck off energy' called Farqovski. Farqovski sold out completely in 45 minutes via his online store, and featured on trucks and billboards across Australia. The popularity of the brand even scored a feature in the world-famous Rolling Stone Magazine! In the last year since starting a TikTok account, he has grown his audience to 824,000 followers and over 20 million likes! Christian has over 900,000 followers on Facebook, 224,000 followers on Instagram and 104,000 subscribers on YouTube.

Notes

Your Rating



LUKE KIDGELL

Run Time

approx. 10 minutes

Candidates

Luke Kidgell

With 3 National Tours under his belt Luke Kidgell has amassed, over a million fans online, has two of the most popular comedy podcasts in the country and a special on Amazon Prime. It's almost unfair that his body is a work of art. And now this weapon is going on tour! It is simply undeniable that Luke Kidgell is one of the most physically elite and humble comedians in the country. He is also pretty funny too. But most people just know him for his mouth watering rig. When Luke returned to comedy after lockdown his life was turned upside down. He went and tried out some new jokes and what happened next would change his life forever. He straight up killed... like murdered, even harder than he usually does with jokes so killer that he had to become a fugitive.

Notes

Your Rating



THE POWER OF THE DREAM

Chips and Gravy Films

Run Time

approx. 50 minutes

Candidates

Alexandra Keddie
Elise McCann
Bobbie-Jean Henning

Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some... have absolutely no idea. Cousin-best-friends Brooke and Amy Bland have always loved the Olympics. From Nova Peris winning gold in 1996 to Dawn Fraser's podium moments, Nikki Webster's opening ceremony performance, Vanessa Amorosi's closing ceremony performance and Cathy Freeman, Cathy Freeman! But it's the year of the 2020 Games and Brooke and Amy have decided it's their time to shine! After years of unfortunate events getting in the way of their Olympic glory - 2008 was that grade 7 choir camp to Ballina and 2016 they just couldn't get the time off work - this year nothing is in their way! Amy will compete. Brooke will coach. And together they will make Australia proud. Join the documentary crew as we follow these Olympic hopefuls trialing swimming, diving, gymnastics, heptathlon and weightlifting in the ultimate journey to Tokyo. With the help of some killer matching tracksuits (made by their fathers), early 9am starts, bizarre food plans, great sacrifice (not going to their cousin's hens) and a few too many inspirational quotes, Amy and Brooke embark on the Olympic journey of a lifetime. Most only imagine themselves heading for Olympic glory, but Brooke and Amy - hopelessly unaware that it takes a little longer than a week to train for the Olympics, and maybe a little athletic skill - are actually doing it. Kinda. The Power of the Dream taps into the fighting spirit that the Olympic Games ignites in all of us. It reminds us of those enormous sporting moments that made us feel proud to be Australian. From Nikki Webster to Leisel Jones - this show is all about the 1996 Atlanta Games anthem - "The Power of the Dream" - no matter how uncoordinated you might be.

Notes

Your Rating



SAMANTHA ANDREW

Samantha Andrew Productions

Run Time

approx. 3 minutes

Candidates

Samantha Andrew

Muti-award winning comedian, writer, performer and online content creator, Samantha Andrew, has made waves on the popular app TikTok for her original comedy sketches targeted at gen-z and millennials. Through different character monologues and pin points of Australian nostalgia, Samantha creates short form stories that take her audiences on journeys through pop culture, memory and satire. Through a selection of her TikTok shorts, Samantha provides one-woman short form sketches that resonate with authentic modern day Australia and the young people in it. We get a taste of the awkward yet intensely intimate relationship with retail professionals when asking for free samples, the embarrassing mother-daughter relationship when buying Harry Styles concert tickets online and Gen Z's complex obsession with productivity with a bullet journal that self combusts. Also being an LGBTQIA+ advocate, Samantha continues to create quick-witted content that inspires and offers a lens and a laugh to those who may not feel seen.

Notes

Your Rating



MARTY AND MICHAEL

Marty and Michael

Run Time

approx. 3 minutes

Candidates

Martin Sokolinski
Michael Broekhuysen
Julian Woods

We attempt to make comedy videos comprising of sketches, science experiments, and pranks. We film ourselves pranking each other throughout the year and have to innovate to constantly out do one another. We also do “science experiments” where we test common beliefs and sayings to see if they are accurate. And finally we make sketches, particularly on TikTok, where we mostly pretend to be animals in our series “if humans acted like animals.” We’re extremely skilled at being cats and dogs, and sometimes we’re confused as to whether we’re even human anymore. A lot of people say we’re the best men in the world, but its probably more realistic to say that we’re the best men in Brisbane since there are so many great men out there.

Notes

Your Rating



1 FOR ALL

Deerstalker Pictures

Run Time

approx. 6 minutes

Candidates

Goldie Soetianto
Elliot Ryan

A group of three friends gather around a living room table each week to undertake an epic quest, at the behest of their perpetually underwhelmed Dungeon Master. If there’s ever a lesson to be learned, you can absolutely count on the Party to miss it. But what this rag-tag party of troublemakers may lack in self-awareness, they make-up with huge egos, by charming, fighting and burning their way through the myriad of uncomfortable situations they create. Eva plays Evandra, a mighty half-elf Fighter with a lust for blood. Antonio plays Antrius, a vain and charming human Bard. And Nicole plays Nixie, a psychotic pink demon sorcerer with a penchant for fire. The three characters are guided through the fantasy world by their Dungeon Master Patrick, who acts as every single NPC (Non-Player Character) they encounter, regardless of age, race, or gender.

Notes

Your Rating



GEORGIA PRODUCTIONS

Run Time

approx. 8 minutes

Candidates

Georgia Productions

Georgia is a 21 yr old YouTuber famous for her comedy skits and relatable videos. She is extremely creative and discovered a passion for making videos when she was quite young. She started her Youtube channel “Georgia Productions” in 2013, aged 13. Although her genre is mostly comedy she also produces other formats such as montages. Georgia’s content is based on everyday life experiences - she finds the humorous side in everyday situations. Her videos often contain herself playing multiple characters. Her characters are loosely based on friends, family members and people she meets. Georgia has collaborated with a number of brands including Fanta, MG, Canon, AFL, Lego, Netflix, Nickelodeon and Disney Channel. She has appeared on television programs such as Ch 9 Kids WB and ABCME. Georgia has given her time to charities such as Dolly’s Dream, Future Female Entrepreneurs, Reef Warriors, Starlight and Make a Wish Foundations.

Notes

Your Rating



CELESTE BARBER

Nondescript Productions

Run Time

approx. N/A minutes

Candidates

Celeste Barber
Tamara Natt

Hailed as the “Australian Queen of Comedy”, Celeste’s original celebrity parody Instagram account has attracted over 8.2 million followers including Reese Witherspoon, Amy Schumer, Chelsea Handler, Cindy Crawford and Tom Ford with her posts regularly shared by Kim Kardashian! Celeste won the ‘Funniest Lady on Instagram’ Award 2017 on WhoHaha.com; a digital platform co-founded by actor, director, producer, Elizabeth Banks which showcases women in comedy around the world, a Webby in 2021 and an AACTA for Comedy Performer of the Decade. Celeste’s Instagram account contains 80 plus 30 second to 1 minute videos containing parodies of celebrities and everyday life.

Notes

Your Rating



COOKED

Studio Hackett

Run Time

approx. 30 minutes

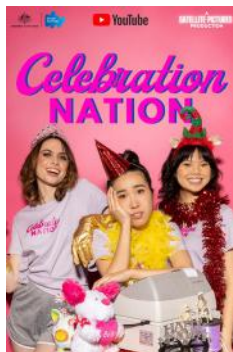
Candidates

Jake Duczynski
James Hackett

In 2020, the ghost of Captain Cook awakens. He re-unites with Mahnra, an Indigenous woman's spirit trapped inside the body of a goat. They travel across Australia in search of a cure for a mysterious 250-year-old curse.

Notes

Your Rating



CELEBRATION NATION

Satellite Pictures Pty Ltd

Run Time

approx. 7 minutes

Candidates

Molly Daniels
Jenny Zhou
Gaby Seow

Celebration Nation is a suburban party supply store that looks like the lovechild of *Ru Paul's Drag Race* and that *Spider-Man* musical where all those actors were injured: it's over-the-top, out of control, and cut some corners where they definitely shouldn't have. Its central employees, 20-somethings Mimi, Alice and Shay, are three kinds of people you've 100% worked with or been served by - the one who's always stressed, the alarmingly enthusiastic one, and the one who'd rather be on actual fire than working. They're joined by other retail archetypes: a Gina Liano-looking boss who's always on the hunt for a tax break, a middle-aged part-timer who works here because it's a bit of fun to leave the house, and a skater indie boy who's going to quit this job as soon as his DJ career blows up. Outrageously funny and stupidly festive, each episode is set on a different chaotic holiday and observes the events of the day, whether it's bad luck on Lunar New Year, a crush on a customer on Valentine's Day, a staff Christmas party, or just trying to hit the target so you can actually go home on New Year's Eve. And occasionally things take a turn into the super surreal, like when there's a wave of frantic Brits on the Queen's Birthday or a possession by the Ghost of Good Customer Service on Halloween. Whatever happens, our leading ladies will always check if you need a hand with anything or if you're happy just browsing.

Notes

Your Rating



THE TEST

Run Time

approx. 8 minutes

Candidates

Jessica Smith
January Jones

For couple Jo and Sarah to be able to take the next big step in their life together, one of them needs a test that could not only put an end to their plans, but perhaps even their relationship. Tensions run high in the medical clinic as they await the results.

Notes

Your Rating



TANYA HENNESSY

Tanya Hennessy

Run Time

approx. 3 minutes

Candidates

Tanya Hennessy

Tanya Hennessy is multimedia FORCE. A comedian, radio announcer, TV presenter, multi-bestselling author and social media sensation. With a Facebook following in excess of 1.4 million. Her total views on Facebook alone -are staggering - over 750 million. Thats not including her instagram of 230,000, Youtube of 137,000 and her Tik Tok with over 200,000. Tanya has created multiple series, one offs, and characters on her social channels ranging from 8 second tik toks to 8 minute websiodes. Tanya has been flown the LA by Facebook in 2019 for their annual creator day, she was the representivie for Australia in excellence in short form/ Facebook comedy and entertainment. You name it shes done it, Tracey from Bathurst, a 47 year old hairdresser, Mrs Humpfries a drama teacher, Lynn a 60 year old widoweer with 3 sexually aggressive rotweillers. Tanya has also done series, like 'I hate Cooking', a cooking show about how much she hates cooking, "Recipe for Disaster" a cooking show about having to cook or she might die cause she cant order anymore uber eats, "Tanya Gets a Real Job" in which of 6 episodes she realised maybe she is meant to do comedy and not farming! Tanya does everything from educational content about how to get a book published, to vlogs of her daily life, to make up tutorials and reading some her kids books online. This yeas she has also been awarded YOUNG ALUMNI OF THE YEAR from her university Charles Sturt University in 2021. She is also been the ambassador and face of 'Be Natural' - Kellogg's cereal for the last 3 years. Originally from Newcastle, Tanya began her radio career in 2012 and continued to 2019. She has two ACRA awards to her name, best entertainment presenter and best documentary. Tanya's a prolific creator; her funny and brutally honest online videos of everyday topics (things people say to hairdressers, things people say to personal trainers) mean she has built a worldwide following which in turn has attracted big brands such as Disney, Kellogs, Samsung, ANZ Netflix, FORD and Finish. A multi-media star in the true sense, Tanya's engaging and comedic take on life across all platforms, is growing her audience exponentially in Australia and internationally.

Notes

Your Rating



JIMMY REES

Run Time

approx. 4 minutes

Candidates

Jimmy Rees
David Gillet

After ten years as Jimmy Giggle on ABC For Kids flagship program, Jimmy was able to flex both his own ‘owl’ wings, and natural comedy talent, by bringing to the world just a little bit of everything that’s hilarious through his now iconic social media videos. From the drunken slur of The Guy Who Decides and the ever-suffering Jason (Jason, Jason), to the bright lights and luxury bobo of the Brighton Ladies (Pfiiiizer Darling), drinking ‘Wanker Coffee’ or impersonating Dan Andrews, Jimmy has kept us all from going mad. Perhaps most of all, his “Meanwhile In Australia Part...” series has shone a light on the many ups, downs and roundabouts we have each experienced during lock down.

Notes

Your Rating



JEFF VAN DE ZANDT

Jeff van de Zandt

Run Time

approx. 2 minutes

Candidates

Jeffrey van de Zandt

Je van de Zandt is Melbourne based content creator who rose to popularity during Australia's very first COVID-19 isolation with a video of him lip-syncing to Scott Morrison remixed with Duke Dumont's song Red Light Green Light. Since then he has filmed countless other videos that have been seen by millions across TikTok and Instagram. He has partnered with numerous brands including Pepsi, Disney, Universal Pictures, Cadbury, Colgate, Myer and more – and he continues to create social media content that brings a smile to those who need it most.

Notes

Your Rating



BLOCKHEAD AND SPARKLES AND THE FLOOD OF TEARS

In Cahoots Creations

Run Time

approx. 8 minutes

Candidates

Digby Webster
Lauren Orrell
Rosie Lourde
Jess Milne

BLOCKHEAD AND SPARKLES AND THE FLOOD OF TEARS is an animated kids’ short film created by acclaimed visual artist and disability advocate Digby Webster, experimental theatre maker Lauren Orrell and multi-hat filmmaker Rosie Lourde, where every asset has been hand drawn with oil pastels. The film follows two best friends with unique gifts who in combination create incredible things, as they work to mend a rift and save the town from a threat bigger than them all. Celebrating neuro-diversity, the project unpacks how we can all learn to communicate better, with a little bit of bonkers thrown in for good measure.

Notes

Your Rating



LOVE SONGS

Amplify

Run Time

approx. 18 minutes

Candidates

Michelle Melky
Hayley Adams
Imogen McCluskey

Newly single and heart broken, Mia is pushed to download Tinder and get back out there by her tough love best friend Wren. On her first date she meets Anthony and the only thing they seem to have in common is that they are both terrible at dating. Mia hatches a crazy plan – they should team up and tackle Tinder together. As they help each other navigate the right profile pic, superlikes, and best date locations, their friendship starts to develop into something more. But when Mia’s ex Marcus shows up on the scene wanting to get back together, Mia must choose what she really wants – her old life or the new world of dating.

Notes

Your Rating



LUKE DONKIN

Run Time

approx. 2 minutes

Candidates

Luke Donkin

The Woolworths Guy and The Bunnings Guy!

Notes

Your Rating



MILLIE FORD

Millie Ford

Run Time

approx. 1 minute

Candidates

Millie Ford

Millie Ford is a digital content creator known for creating short form comedic videos on TikTok. She specialises in skits and POV-style videos and has recently gained recognition for her teacher, mums and character impressions. She has been praised for capturing Aussie nostalgia and relatable childhood moments in her content.

Notes

Your Rating



JON-BERNARD KAIROUZ

JBK Media

Run Time

approx. 10 minutes

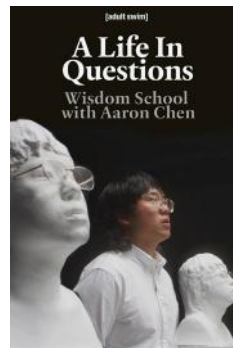
Candidates

Jon-Bernard Kairouz

Digital content creator and comedian shows his mathematical skills, successfully predicting the covid case numbers before they were officially announced the next day at 11am in NSW.

Notes

Your Rating



A LIFE IN QUESTIONS: WISDOM SCHOOL WITH AARON CHEN

West Street Sports

Run Time

approx. 11 minutes

Candidates

Aaron Chen
Henry Stone
Joshua Duncan

When the legendary interviewer Aaron Chen was 9, he stole a microphone and conducted his first on the street vox-pop. 2000 chinwags and 3000 chats later, the Wisdom School adult learning platform is proud to present Aaron's course "A Life In Questions." In this reporting class, you'll learn skills and thrills including question asking, question devising, question answering and microphones. By the end, you'll make uncompromising queries, do you believe me?

Notes

Your Rating



SOOSHI MANGO

Run Time

approx. 2 minutes

Candidates

Joe Salanitri
Carlo Salanitri
Andrew Manfre

Sooshi Mango is an Australian comedy troupe made up of two brothers, Joe and Carlo Salanitri and their close friend Andrew Manfre. Sooshi Mango's rise in Australian comedy has been nothing short of meteoric with the troupe amassing over 130 million views online via their hysterical video skits and hitting stages in Australia and around the world, and selling out every show of their first solo tour "Fifty Shades of Ethnic" in 2019. Their characters, most notably their ethnic dad and ethnic mum characters, have made their way from video skits to live stages and all the way onto our tv screens where they have appeared on popular tv programs and in tv ads.

Notes

Your Rating

CULT FOLLOWING



CULT FOLLOWING

Run Time

approx. 15 minutes

Candidates

Amy Parry

It starts as a typical "meet cute" love story. You know how it goes; boy (Jason) meets girl (Lacey). Girl goes home with boy. Boy wakes up the next morning and girl is gone, awesome. Or so he thinks. Turns out she has made herself right at home... Naturally instead of being the bad guy and asking her to leave, boy gets housemate (Stuart) to do it for him. Housemate is pretty bad at talking to girls and instead tells girl that they are in a cult that worships a divine being called Dilberry...a lie that will surely have her running. Girl is no fool. Girl knows this is bullshit. Girl decides to teach them a lesson, with hilarious and devastating consequences. *Cult Following* is a comedy exploring the absurd lack of honesty in a modern dating world.

Notes

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