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JOEL CREASEY

“Creasey is an unstoppable force and the crown prince of Aussie comedy.” – The Daily Telegraph

Joel Creasey is one of Australia’s most-popular, acclaimed and charmingly controversial stand-up comedians, radio and television presenters.

Becoming co-host of Australia’s number #1 national drive show on Nova in 2020, Joel took a huge leap into the radio world. Since Joel joined, the ‘Ricki-Lee, Tim and Joel’ show has been Australia’s most listened to Drive Show for 27 consecutive surveys. At the 2021 ACRA Awards, Joel was personally recognised with the award for Best Newcomer, and the show won Best Syndicated Australian Program and Best Networked Program. Joel ended 2024 on a high note by being selected to host the Worldwide premiere of the Wicked movie in Sydney, the perfect choice as someone who is an avid Musical Theatre fan and has seen this musical close to 300 times. Joel introduced and interviewed the star cast on stage at the premiere to a frenzied live audience, as well as hosting a special sit down interview with Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande for Nova. If you’ve watched Andy Lee’s new animated ABC children’s series, ‘Do Not Watch This Show’, you probably would have noticed Joel’s recognisable vocals as the sassy and cheeky character Lime, what a natural fit. The show premiered to enamoured audiences in July this year.

Joel accomplished another life goal last year, debuting in musical theatre by stepping on stage as a cast member of The Rocky Horror Show for their highly praised Melbourne season. He finessed his role as the Narrator with an abundance of charm, drama and his own unique stamp of comedy, leaving the audience eating out of his hand as the first comedian to ever be cast in this role. Joel truly put on a critically acclaimed performance, with Noise11.com affirming that his stepping in ‘rejuvenated the show’.

Joel continues to find the time to add “a few extra tv and stand up gigs” in. A self-described shameless “fame whore”, Joel has become a television staple on commercial networks and streaming platforms. His two most recent releases ‘Joel Creasey: Queen of the Outback’ released on Prime Video in 2023, filmed at the fabulous Broken Heel Festival and ‘Rhys and Joel’s Family Christmas’ also released in December 2023, can be found on Binge and Foxtel. Joel has four specials on streaming platforms; his first ever stand-up special ‘Thirsty’ is on Netflix’s Comedians of the World and launched globally to glowing reviews. Joel’s second broadcast stand-up special, ‘Fame Whore’, filmed at the iconic Sydney Opera House, features on Prime Video and Paramount Plus. Also streaming on Amazon

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Prime is 'LOL: Last One Laughing', where Joel joined some of Australia's top comedian's in this outrageous social experiment hosted by Rebel Wilson.

The heartwarming national primetime series for ABC Television, 'New Leash On Life', hosted by Joel and dog expert, Laura V broadcast in July 2023. It received constant positive reviews from media and viewers, with The Age's Green Guide declaring the show would "make our hearts grow three sizes and cause outbreaks of eye-dabbing across the country". The ever popular documentary style series is currently screening on Stan and ABC iview.

Joel hosted his final Eurovision Song Contest television broadcast for SBS Australia in 2024, deciding to step down after hosting for eight consecutive years. Joel took over the much coveted role as resident host of SBS's 'Eurovision Song Contest' alongside Myf Warhurst back in 2017, hosting the global event described as the Olympics of song contests. The 2023 Grand Final, where Joel and Myf featured in the BBC's broadcast, turned out to be the most watched final ever in Eurovision history, with a global television audience of more than 160 million people! Joel has co-hosted the the three live arena, global broadcasts of Eurovision 'Australia Decides' on the Gold Coast between 2019 - 2022, where the country voted for our Eurovision contestant.

Joel hosted the SBS television broadcast of the glittering explosion that is the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras parade for five years, working with co-hosts such as Em Rusciano, Magda Szubanski and Narelda Jacobs. In a perfect role for one of Australia's most beloved gay icons, Joel was the official Ambassador for the Qantas WorldPride Flight from Los Angeles to Sydney, celebrating the 2023 Sydney WorldPride. Continuing the dazzling Sydney WorldPride celebrations, Joel was announced as one of Sydney WorldPride's 2023 Rainbow Champions, chosen for his contributions to Australian LGBTQIA+ community and culture.

In 2018, as Australia's loosest cupid, Joel hosted the worldwide phenomenon, primetime shiny floor dating show, 'Take Me Out' on Network Seven. He also captained his team to (rare) victories on two seasons of Channel Ten's studio-based comedy series, 'Show Me The Movie!', along with host Rove McManus during 2018 and 2019. In his earlier stand up years, Joel featured with his friend and fellow comedian, Rhys Nicholson, in the very raw and highly acclaimed comedy documentary for ABC, Gaycrashers, and had his own stand up special on ABC2. You will have seen him as a regular in the 'funnies chair' for years on Network Ten's The Project and Joel has made regular appearances on countless comedy and panel shows including Thank God You're Here, The Hundred, The Great Debate, Would I Lie to You, Hughesy We Have A Problem, Comedy Up Late, 20 to 1, Have You Been Paying Attention, Talkin' About Your Generation, Spicks and Specks, The Big Music Quiz, The Project, A League of Their Own, Dirty Laundry, How Not to Behave and It's a Date, to name a few.

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Joel has starred in various campaigns, one of his favourites being for his beloved home state, Tourism Western Australia's national campaign, touring through the Bungle Bungle Range, Purnululu National Park, and Kununurra, Goonoonoorrang. Joel experienced and encouraged viewers to 'Wander out Yonder' in WA.

In 2021, Joel made history as the first openly "Versace-wearing" man to feature on the cover of Australia's Men's Health Magazine. He endured a gruelling twelve weeks of training to reveal an incredible transformation that blew away readers across the country.

With such versatility, in 2017, Joel debuted in his first acting role alongside a stellar cast including Magda Szubanski, Lucy Durack and Catherine McClements in Channel 10's Comedy Drama 'Sisters'. Joel followed on to make his 'soap star' debut on one of Australia's favourite TV shows, Neighbours. He then reprised this role in 2020-2021, where his character returned for twelve months to cause more chaos on Ramsay St. In early 2020, Joel entered the world of theatre by performing the role of George in the one-man play created by Patrick Livesey, that he co-wrote and co-produced with Richard Carroll. 'The Boy, George' is a hilarious solo play that featured during the Midsumma Festival in Melbourne with plans to tour Australia.

Joel's first memoir was published through Simon & Schuster in 2017, "THIRSTY: Confessions of a Fame Whore", which he has dedicated to the late Joan Rivers. Like Joel, Thirsty is acerbically funny and full of his most personal, hilarious, joyous, heartbreaking, outrageous, ridiculous and scandalous stories.

Starting stand up at only 15 years old, Joel has harnessed his outrageous wit, sass and unrivalled story telling abilities to cement himself as Australia's undisputed 'Crown Prince of Comedy' and one of the most-sought after and hottest comedians in the world. Every year Joel's live show audiences grow, as punters in the know flock for an hour of no-holds-barred belly laughs. He has cemented a reputation for slicing, dicing and smashing through celebrity and pop culture, and himself, with unflinching candour and brutal home truths. Creasey cuts through celebrity spin to tell you how it is with charm, irreverence and the ultimate payoff of epic laughs. His national tours consistently sell out and the last five years he has had to add new shows at each Festival. Joel had the honour of being appointed the official Ambassador for the Adelaide Fringe Festival in 2018, with over 5,000 artists from around the country and world ascending on Adelaide for this prestigious festival.

Joel has hosted and featured in numerous televised comedy specials including Sydney's 'Comedy Cracker Festival', 'Melbourne International Festival Comedy Galas', and Network Ten's 'Just For Laughs' specials, highlighting the best of the Just For Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal, where he has worked alongside such icons as Neil Patrick Harris, Sir Patrick Stewart, Jane Lynch, Ellie Kemper, Carrie Fisher, Alan Carr, Jeff Goldblum and Alan Cumming. Joel has also been a featured

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comedian at Montreal's Just For Laughs festival over several years, having twice now been named as "one of the highlights" of the festival by the Montreal Gazette.

Joel won Best Presenter for 2017 at the LGBTI Awards, as well as being selected to be in Cosmopolitan's inaugural Rainbow List as one of their top 50 most influential LGBTQI voices, and became Ambassador to Skyy Vodka's #CheerstoEquality campaign. He was crowned Comedian of the Year at the GQ Men of the Year Awards 2016, after losing on an episode of All Star Family Feud a month earlier. Swings and roundabouts! Joel then hosted the GQ Men of the Year Awards in 2019, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback..

Joel won a legion of new fans in 2015 when he appeared in people's living rooms 5 nights a week as a contestant and a firm favourite on the first Australian season of Network Ten's I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! From the hundreds of thousands of votes Joel accrued, he helped raise much needed funds for his charity – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – a cause close to his heart with his sister being a type 1 diabetic.

So popular was his appearance that he returned in 2016 to host the companion show I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here Now! broadcast live five nights a week from the depths of the African jungle.

In the world of stand up, Joel has had sell out tours of Australia, the UK, Asia and the USA. With his first solo tour at the age of 19 earning him a Best Newcomer nomination at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival – Joel has gone on to present ten acclaimed, sell out tours. Joel was fortunate enough to be hand-picked by the legendary Joan Rivers as her US support act with Joan going on to say "He is a f*cking star!".

"Endlessly entertaining... the audience breathless with non-stop laughter" - Metro Magazine (NZ)

★★★★★ "one of Australia's funniest stand-ups." - The West Australian

"A master raconteur" - The Advocate, New York

★★★★★ - Herald Sun

"If you want to laugh for two hours solid, this is the show to see." - Out In Perth

★★★★★ - Sydney Morning Herald

★★★★★ - Fresh Fringe (UK)

★★★★★ - The Age

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