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“Take my wife... please!”

We all know that famous quote by the hilarious Henny Youngman, who was renowned for telling jokes with just one line.

Nowadays, though, the term ‘one-liner’ has come to mean any joke that is short, even if it has more than one line. Most comedians tell stories, and their jokes are usually linked with a segue of some kind so, as a result, any comedian who tells short jokes that are non-sequiturs has become known as a one-liner comedian, despite that most of their jokes are made up of two lines: setup, punchline.

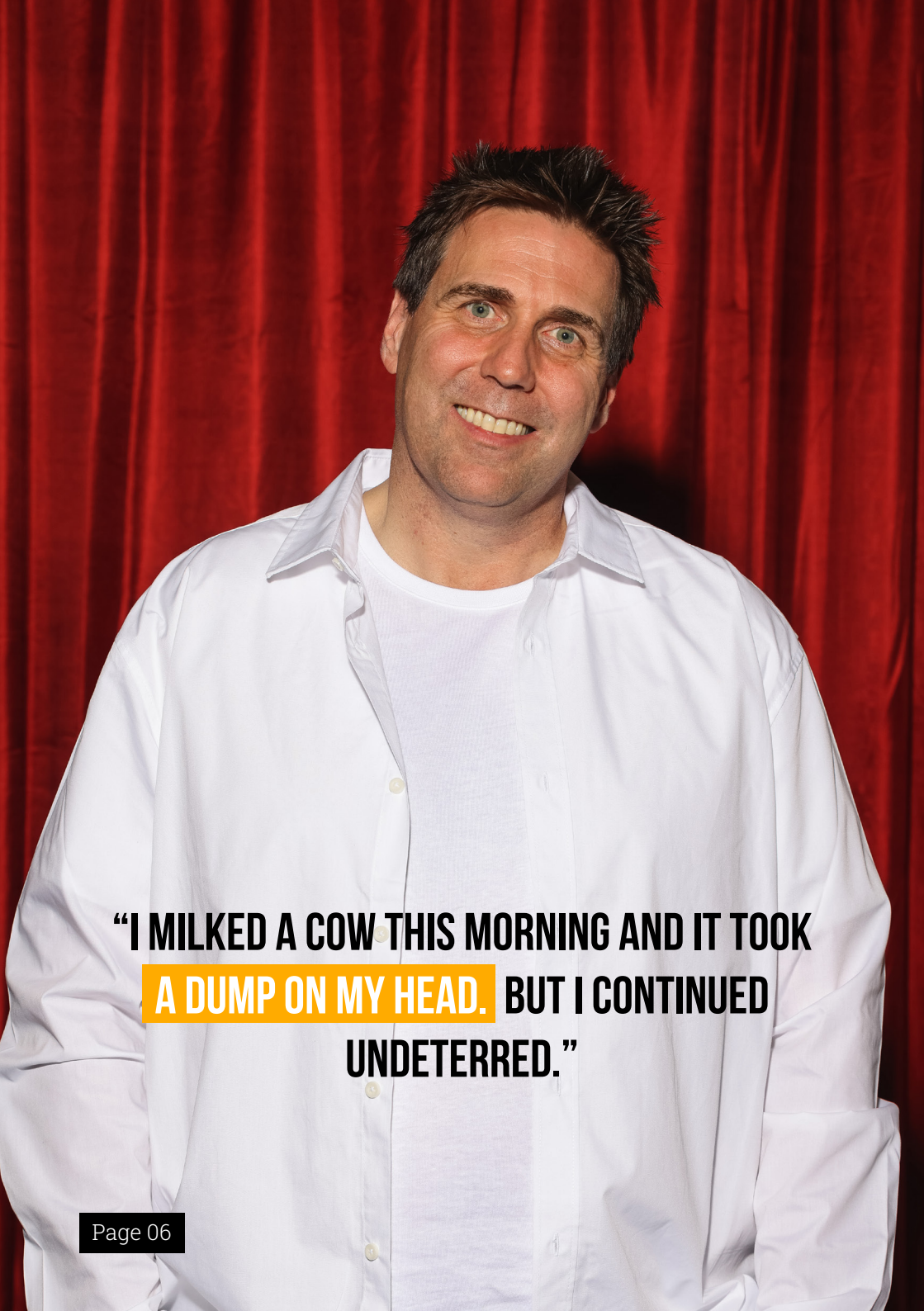
Over the years many famous short-joke comedians have risen up. America’s Rodney Dangerfield, Steven Wright, Emo Philips, Rita Rudner, Mitch Hedberg, Demetri Martin and Anthony Jeselnik, the UK’s Tommy Cooper, Les Dawson, Tim Vine, Jimmy Carr, Milton Jones and Gary Delaney, plus Canada’s Stewart Francis and Australia’s own Elliot Goblet have all become known as famous one-liner comedians, despite that most of their jokes have two lines and sometimes even more.

One-liner jokes have become incredibly popular, so for this Comedy Festival we have gathered together five of Melbourne’s best one-liner comedians and put them all in one show to give you, the discerning punter, the best value for your dollar.

The One-Liner Show is the fastest, punchiest and most laugh-packed show this Comedy Festival. 5 Comedians, 45 minutes, more than 200 jokes, 12.5 cents per joke. Where else will you get that kind of value?

Paul Balsillie, Rhys Halliwell, Mazz Matta, Sheany and Milton White will deliver fast-paced and hilarious one-liner jokes, one after the other in a rapidfire show that will make your sides hurt and your jaw ache.

We hope you enjoy the show as much as we’ve enjoyed putting it together for you.

A man with short, dark, spiky hair and a slight smile is looking towards the camera. He is wearing a white button-down shirt over a white t-shirt. The background is a vibrant red, textured curtain.

**“I MILKED A COW THIS MORNING AND IT TOOK
A DUMP ON MY HEAD. BUT I CONTINUED
UNDETERRED.”**

PAUL BALSILLIE

Who were your early Comedy influences?

Mainly British comedians - Tony Hancock, Monty Python, The Two Ronnies, etc

Who are your current Comedy influences?

Jimmy Carr, Anthony Jeselnik

Where were you born?

Melbourne

Where did you grow up?

Melbourne

Tell us about your childhood?

I was always doing creative things such as writing and making short films, but I didn't actually try comedy until I was in my 20s when I started writing and performing sketches. Then my job got in the way for 20 years and I got back into comedy recently.

What's your day job?

Running a sales agency.

What made you want to do comedy?

I have been a huge comedy fan my whole life, and always wanted to do stand up, but it wasn't until I did some public speaking courses for work that I got the bug and couldn't get rid of it.

Any stage / performance work before you did comedy?

I wrote and performed sketches for community radio and television, and more recently I co-wrote a kids musical called The Adventures of Rusty Q. Bananas.

When was your first comedy gig?

In 2019 I did one gig before COVID hit, and I then returned to comedy in 2021.

What are your Career highlights?

Hopefully the 2023 Melbourne International Comedy Festival...

Favourite Comedian?

Anthony Jeselnik

Favourite Comedy Movie?

Flying High

Favourite Comedy Album?

Monty Python Sings

What's your favourite one-liner by a famous comedian?

"I haven't slept for ten days - because that would be too long." - Mitch Hedberg

Where can we see you? What Comedy rooms to you frequent?

The Rubber Chicken, Humdinger

List all your Social Media

Paul Balsillie on Facebook



**“MY BEDROOM WAS LIKE A SAUNA LAST NIGHT.
IT WAS FILLED WITH NAKED SWEDISH GUYS.”**

RHYS HALLIWELL

Who were your early Comedy influences?

Mad Magazine and Mel Brooks as a kid, The Simpsons and Naked Gun as a Teenager and a wide variety of American stand-up comics as a 20 something.

Who are your current Comedy influences?

Dave Attell, Kurt Metzger and Anthony Jeselnik.

Where were you born?

Wagga Wagga

Where did you grow up?

Wagga Wagga

Tell us about your childhood?

I was technically a midget until I was about 16 and then thank fuck I had a growth spurt so I didn't have to kill myself. I wanted to be a cartoonist when I was young but then I realised I was pretty shit at drawing. Then I wanted to be a film maker and made a bunch of dumb short films and kind of gave up on that when I realised I would have to work with a bunch of other people who are probably going to be pretentious shitheads and work long days. Then I got interested in stand up comedy and decided that would be perfect for me since I hate collaborating. So I decided to write a whole bunch of jokes and never bothered to hit an open mic until I was in my 30s because that would be the ideal way to get really good right before I turn 50.

What's your day job?

Video Editor for TV News

What made you want to do comedy?

I saw how abysmally mediocre all Australian stand up comedy was and thought "I'm better than these fucking hacks"

Any stage / performance work before you did comedy?

I MC'd my friends wedding and roasted all

the guests, got good laughs. Almost got laid from it but I was too drunk to make the move.

When was your first comedy gig?

About 1am at Club Voltaire in Melbourne at the end of 2018. Went up at the end of the night after about 50 comedians with about 5 audience members still in the crowd. Sounds like I'm making excuses for bombing but I actually did pretty good.

What are your Career highlights?

People assuming this is my career.

Favourite Comedian?

Dave Attell

Favourite Comedy Movie?

The Big Lebowski

Favourite Comedy Album?

Dave Attell - Skanks for the Memories and Joe List - Are You Mad at Me?

Favourite Comedy Special?

Kurt Metzger - White Precious

What's your favourite one-liner by a famous comedian?

Rich Vos referring to a fat person as a "Buffet Molester"

Where can we see you? What Comedy rooms to you frequent?

The Rubber Chicken, Footsloose Comedy, Geelong Brewery and you can often see me getting drunk at The Comic's Lounge.

List all your Social Media

Rhys Halliwell "Comedy" on Facebook.
@rhyshole on Instagram.
Rushway Productions on YouTube.
Rhys Halliwell on TikTok.







**“I ASKED MY THERAPIST TO HELP ME ACHIEVE
MY DREAMS, SO SHE GAVE ME SLEEPING
TABLETS”**

MAZZ MATTA

Who were your early Comedy influences?

My father, my grandmother (his mum),
Andy Kaufman, Rodney Dangerfield

Where were you born?

Beirut, Lebanon

Where did you grow up?

Until age 7 in Lebanon, then the USA
until age 17, then Australia

Tell us about your childhood?

Loved

What's your day job?

Administrative

What made you want to do comedy?

Nothing made me, it is what it is.

Any stage / performance work before you did comedy?

Some drama stuff at school.

When was your first comedy gig?

Year 2 to my class mates.

What are your Career highlights?

Winning Comedy Collective competition
in December 2022, other things.

Favourite Comedian?

Andy Kaufman

Favourite Comedy Movie?

My Breakfast with Blassie

Favourite Comedy Album?

Rodney Dangerfield – No Respect

What's your favourite one-liner by a famous comedian?

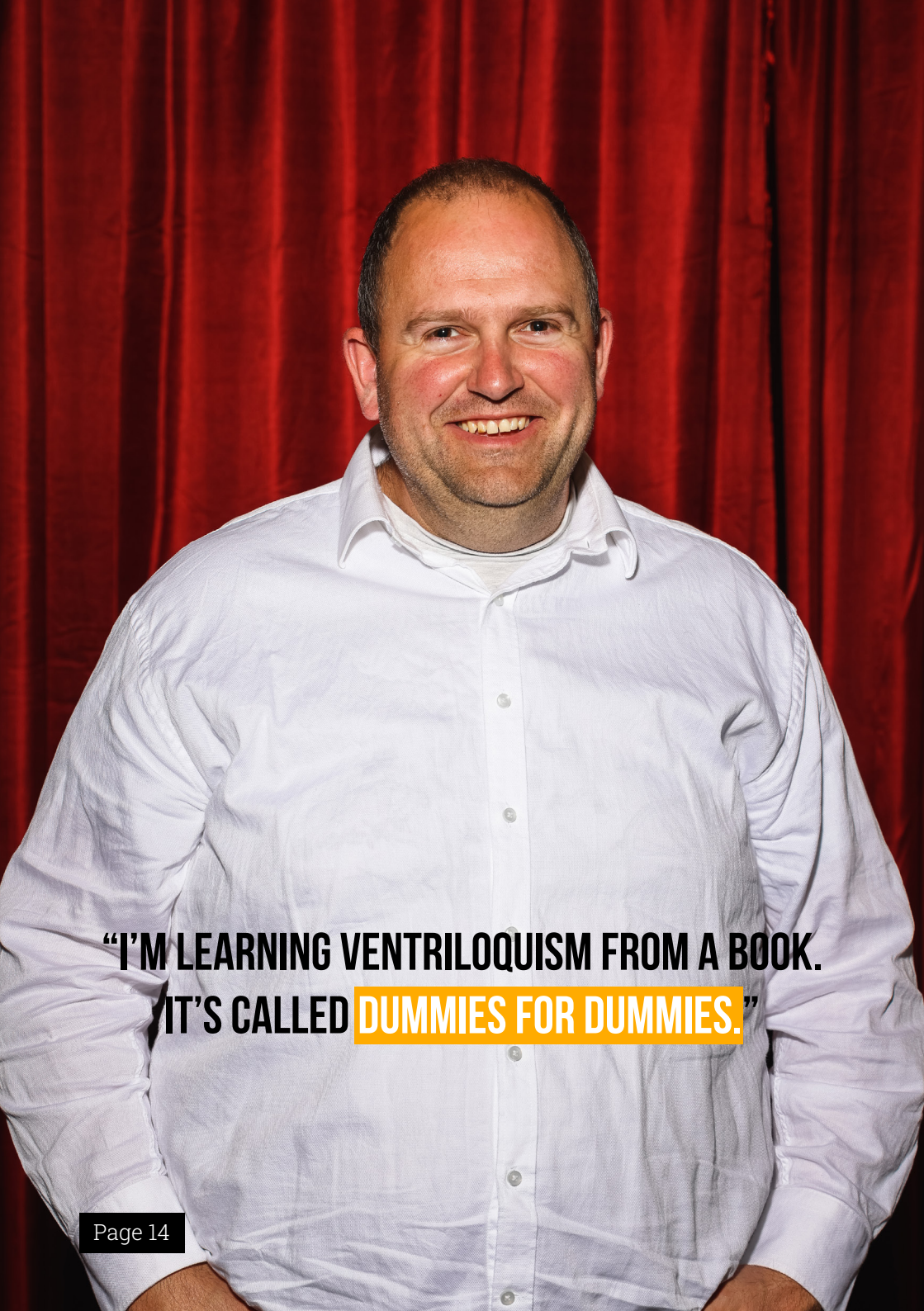
"In the islands of the Caspian sea."-
Andy Kaufman

Where can we see you? What Comedy rooms to you frequent?

Speakeasy Theatre, Humdinger, Geelong
Brewery, The Resistance, Comedy
Collective

List all your Social Media

Mazz.matta on Instagram
Mazz Matta on Facebook
Check Instagram for updates



**"I'M LEARNING VENTRILOQUISM FROM A BOOK.
IT'S CALLED DUMMIES FOR DUMMIES."**

BRAD SHEAN - SHEANY

Who were your early Comedy influences?

Robin Williams, Billy Connolly. I thought the Smurfs remixes of mainstream music were the height of comedy... woe is me..

Who are your current Comedy influences?

Bill Bailey, Dylan Moran, Jimmy Carr

Where were you born?

Melbourne

Where did you grow up?

Pakenham

Tell us about your childhood?

I lived in a rural area and only had myself as a friend, which probably explains why I'm such a weird fucker now. Went to a Catholic school and naturally became an Atheist. Was always the 'class clown'.

What's your day job?

IT Manager

What made you want to do comedy?

I love to make people laugh, I was missing something creative in my life.

Any stage / performance work before you did comedy?

Guitarist in a band, an extra in an Australian TV Series

When was your first comedy gig?

Grade 4? I started young. It was reading a bunch of 'jokes' from a book at a talent show.

What are your Career highlights?

Had someone think that this is my career, also supporting Troy Kinne was exciting.

Favourite Comedian?

Steven Wright, because of his word economy

Favourite Comedy Movie?

Robin Hood, Men in Tights.

Favourite Comedy Special?

Bo Burnham - Inside

What's your favourite one-liner by a famous comedian?

"If you are a battery, you're either working or you're dead." - Demetri Martin

Where can we see you? What Comedy rooms to you frequent?

The Rubber Chicken, Humdinger

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@SheanyOfficial on Facebook, and Instagram.



**“99 PERCENT OF LAWYERS GIVE THE
REST A BAD NAME.”**

MILTON WHITE

Who were your early Comedy influences?

Eddie Murphy, Kenny Everett

Who are your current Comedy influences?

Bill Bailey, Bill Burr, Bill Hicks. What can I say I like guys named Bill.

Where were you born?

Russia

Where did you grow up?

Kenya

Tell us about your childhood?

I was raised in the Serengeti by a pride of lions and eventually became their king. One season there was a drought so bad that all the animals started eating their own to survive. I swore I would never do this but eventually I swallowed my pride. I emigrated to Australia shortly after.

What's your day job?

Disability services coordinator

What made you want to do comedy?

After accidentally studying Peter Dutton's head for too long I realised I either had to do comedy or descend inevitably into madness.

Any stage / performance work before you did comedy?

I was the Lion King

When was your first comedy gig?

The Year 2000 is when I got the bug.

What are your Career highlights?

Winning Channel 31 Comedian Of The Year and MCing a benefit gig for East Timor that raised a huge sum of money.

Favourite Comedian?

Peter Dutton

Favourite Comedy Movie?

Schindler's List

Favourite Comedy Album?

Standup Comic – Woody Allen

Favourite Comedy Special?

2022 Liberal Party Election Campaign

What's your favourite one-liner by a famous comedian?

"Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity." - Albert Einstein

Where can we see you? What Comedy rooms to you frequent?

Club Voltaire - also appearing this festival in The WTF Show

List all your Social Media

Facebook



"Velcro? What a rip-off!"

Tim Vine



"I used to do drugs. I still do, but I used to, too."

Mitch Hedberg



"A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing."

Emo Philips



"We live in an uncaring society. I was in the park the other day watching an old man feed the birds, and after a while I thought to myself 'I wonder how long he's been dead?'"

Milton Jones



"My wife only has sex with me for a purpose. Last night she used me to time an egg."

Rodney Dangerfield



"I've spent the past two years looking for my ex-girlfriend's killer... but no one will do it."

Anthony Jeselnik



"I think men who have a pierced ear are better prepared for marriage. They've experienced pain and bought jewellery."

Rita Rudner



"Boxers don't have sex before a fight. Do you know why that is? They don't fancy each other."

Jimmy Carr



"I once had an after dinner mint after breakfast and it threw me out for weeks."

Elliot Coblentz

"I was watching a weird porn the other day; it was just a fat man crying and wanking at the same time....
Then I realized I hadn't turned the TV on."

Gary Delaney



"I poured spot remover on my dog. Now he's gone."

Steven Wright

"I saw six men kicking and punching the mother-in-law.
My neighbour said 'Are you going to help?'
I said 'No, six should be enough.'"

Les Dawson



"I've got all the money I'll ever need, if I die by four o'clock."

Henny Youngman

"The worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of
charades."

Demetri Martin



"Is my wife dissatisfied with my body? A small part of me
says yes."

Stewart Francis

"A dog bit a chunk out of my leg the other day. A friend of
mine said 'Did you put anything on it?'
I said 'No, he liked it as it was.'"

Tommy Cooper





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