



KARATE MAN – PRESS RELEASE

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The World's First Live-Action Video Game Comedy to perform at Melbourne International Comedy Festival

Following rave reviews during its premiere season at Sydney Fringe 2023, the world's first live-action video game comedy KARATE MAN will make its Melbourne International Comedy Festival debut from 15-21 April.

This interactive sketch show simulates a video game on stage, with the audience taking command of KARATE MAN through use of a Bluetooth video game controller. Sharing the controller with fellow attendees, the audience can “PUNCH”, “JUMP” and even “SPECIAL” through a quest to defeat evil nemesis Ross Roundkick and restore peace to Karatetown.

This live-action video game features a cast of Sydney's top alternative comedians, led by absurdist sketch superstars Bruno Dubosarsky and Daniel Scarratt of BEAK. Additional characters are brought to life by a team of talented alternative comedians and improvisers including Steph Ryan, Tim Dunk and Juliet Timmerman.

Co-Creator Bruno Dubosarsky says audiences will enjoy the choose-your-own-adventure narrative of the show.

“KARATE MAN offers a unique fusion of comedy and interactive theatre that invites audiences to literally take control of the narrative.” says Dubosarsky “It's not just a show; it's an epic communal adventure.”

During its debut season in Sydney, KARATE MAN was a finalist for Best in Comedy and received a 5-star review from Sydney Theatre Reviews.

Critics have labelled this show “a work of genius” that “never wanes in its ability to surprise and delight”.

Karate Man – A Live-Action Video Game will perform at Melbourne International Comedy Festival from 15-21 April at The Butterfly Club (Carson Pl, Melbourne). Tickets available at <https://www.comedyfestival.com.au/2024/shows/karate-man-a-live-action-video-game>

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