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

After receiving outstanding acclaim at its premiere in Sydney Fringe 2023 and thrilling audiences at both the Adelaide Fringe and Melbourne International Comedy Festival, the groundbreaking live-action video game comedy, KARATE MAN, is set to captivate the Sydney Comedy Festival. Fans and newcomers alike can look forward to performances at the Factory Theatre in Marrickville on May 9, May 11, and May 12.

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, Maddie Atkins and Juliet Rae 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, KARATE MAN was a finalist for Best in Comedy and received a 5-star review from Sydney Theatre Reviews. Another 5-star review was given from Lilithia Reviews during the Adelaide Fringe Festival tour, calling Karate Man "an absolute blast!"

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 Sydney Comedy Festival on May 9, May 11, and May 12 at the Factory Theatre (Victoria Rd, Marrickville). Tickets available at <https://www.sydneycomedyfest.com.au/event/karate-man-a-live-action-video-game/>

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