

Bio – Marcus Jones

Producer & Host: Hoodwinked – The Festival Spirit (Theatre)

In 2001, Marcus Jones began coordinating and managing the Australian, New Zealand & UK tours for Irish-Australian comedian Jimeoin. Some 250 independently produced shows down the track, and still quietly harboring his own dream of a career in stand-up, Marcus snuck off to try his material on a few anonymous open-mic audiences.

Encouraged, Marcus was given the opportunity to warm-up Jimeoin's crowd at a particularly rowdy, open-air gig in Broome. "Stay out there until they stop chucking stuff" were Jimeoin's final words of encouragement as Marcus trod onto the stage. Nothing was thrown and everyone had a good time, none more so than Marcus himself.

Marcus has been warming-up Jimeoin's audiences on tour ever since (100+ shows), and has also landed his own gigs around Australia, as well as in Edinburgh, New York and Los Angeles. Marcus has also appeared in two feature films (Jimeoin's *The Extra* and *Ghost Rider* with Nicolas Cage, due for release Feb '07), has appeared in several episodes of *Comedy Inc* and pops up occasionally as guest chef on Jimeoin & Bob Franklin's *The Cooking Show*.

Marcus had his own weekly "Sports & Mutterings" segment on Talkback radio (3AK with Yvonne Adele) from 2002-2003.

Marcus originally studied drama at Box Hill TAFE and has produced, directed & acted in theatre productions over 20 years. Stage roles have included *Billy Bibbit* in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *John Proctor* in *The Crucible* and *Oscar* in *The Odd Couple*.

During 7 years in music management, Marcus was elected to the board of National (Music Managers' Forum) and State (VicMUSIC) industry bodies and has been a guest speaker at conferences around the country, speaking on marketing and advertising, touring, emerging technologies and innovative approaches to marketing independent artists (inc Julie O'Hara, still, adam Lachlan, Probe, Maya, Mike McLeish).

Marcus also cooks 2-minute noodles in 90 seconds.

[More information at www.hoodwinked.com.au](http://www.hoodwinked.com.au)

SHOW LISTING INFORMATION

Show: Hoodwinked – *The Festival Spirit*.

Venue: The Comedy Club. Athenaeum Theatre. 188 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Dates: Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays. April 13–May 6.

Tickets: Thu \$24.00/\$22.00. Fri/Sat \$24.00/\$22.00.

Times: 11:00pm (12:10pm)

Bookings: Bookings 03 9650 6668 www.comedyfestival.com.au www.ticketmaster.com.au 1300 136 166

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