

2018 NZ International Comedy Festival with Best Foods Mayo presents

Best Foods Comedy Gala

Hosted by Arj Barker

Hosted by Comedy Fest crowd favourite **Arj Barker**, this year's **Best Foods Comedy Gala** will launch the *2018 NZ International Comedy Festival* with one hell of an illustrious night of comedy in Auckland and Wellington. **Arj Barker** has a special connection with New Zealand and our kiwi sense of humour, with many of us first getting to know him as Dave, in Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement's hit HBO series *Flight of the Conchords*.

The Comedy Fest have lined up the best spread of talent showcasing a hilarious taster of who's taking part in the month of Comedy Fest antics.

Auckland: Thursday 26 April, 8pm - ASB Theatre, Aotea Centre

Joining Arj Barker on stage will be *7 Days* captain and *Dancing With The Stars* co-host **Dai Henwood**, Aussie favourite **Heath Franklin's Chopper**, Irish comedy superstar **Andrew Maxwell** and spectacular musical comedy duo **The Fan Brigade**.

Wellington: Sunday 29 April, 7.30pm – The Opera House

Alongside Arj Barker in the capital, you'll be treated to Irish comedy superstar **Andrew Maxwell**, American country-music legend **Wilson Dixon**, razor-witted Aussie **Rhys Nicholson** and spectacular musical comedy duo **The Fan Brigade**.

More acts will be announced in the coming weeks.

The **Best Foods Comedy Gala's** will be fast-paced events celebrating some of the world's hottest gags and comedy stars. A rare opportunity to see so much talent in one room, we reckon this mouth-watering line-up should not to be missed.

Proceeds from this show will be invested by the New Zealand Comedy Trust into supporting the growth of our comedy industry in Aotearoa.

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Auckland: Thursday 26 April, 8pm at ASB Theatre, Aotea Centre, Auckland Live
THREE will be filming this show for broadcast

Wellington: Sunday 29 April, 7:30pm at The Opera House, Wellington Venues

For access to the **Best Foods Comedy Fest** presale on Wednesday 14 February, sign up at comedyfestival.co.nz. Public onsale on Thursday 15 February, book tickets at comedyfestival.co.nz.



The 2018 NZ International Comedy Festival with Best Foods Mayo will run from 26 April – 20 May. The full programme will be available online on Thursday 1 March, but if you want to get in early, sign up for the Best Foods presale on Wednesday 28 February at comedyfestival.co.nz

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