

NZ, California on collision course in Comedy Festival show

Luke Callaghan Born in the US, eh?

New Zealand's loudest American comedian finally has his own festival show! Luke Callaghan opens his debut solo show on Thursday May 18th at 9:45pm at Backbeat Bar.

The San Francisco Bay Area native will be barking into a microphone about what it means to be a Kiwi who was born on the New Jersey shore (yes, *that* Jersey shore), raised in California for 18 years, and then turned loose in Auckland to spend his adult life. Over an hour of battle-tested material, he employs American-style outspokenness and a devastatingly accurate New Zealand accent to sledgehammer the point home.

Luke has performed all over New Zealand for the last 4 years and has been a writer for 7Days and on Maori TV, as well as thrice being nominated for and once winning a NZ Comedy Guild award for his standup.

"Easily one of the smartest young comedians in NZ...genuinely funny and very topical." - Brendhan Lovegrove

- 2013 NZ Comedy Guild Best Newcomer
- 2014 RAW Comedy Quest National Finalist
- 2015 & 2016 NZ Comedy Guild Breakthrough Comedian of the Year nominee

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Dates: The 18 - Sat 20 May, 9.45pm Venue: Backbeat Bar, 100 Karangahape Rd Tickets: \$15 - \$18 Bookings: iticket.co.nz // 0508 ITICKET (484 253)

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