



International comedian JAMES SMITH chosen as special guest on US Superstar

Chris Rock's tour to debut his smash hit solo show *Pleasure Enthusiast* in May

Media Release: Wednesday, March 14: Australian and internationally renowned comedian **James Smith** was chosen as a special guest on US comedy giant *Chris Rock's* July 2017 *Total Black Out Tour* of Australia and New Zealand. Smith was personally selected by the two-time Oscar host himself and earned rave reviews for his set.

Now **James Smith** presents his debut New Zealand show ***Pleasure Enthusiast*** this May for one night only at SKYCITY Theatre on Saturday, May 5.

Smith has spent much of his comedy career in New York and is one of only four Australian comedians ever to perform on the US TV show CONAN.

Other TV credits include; HBO's *Flight of the Conchords*, *Just For Laughs Montreal*, *Live At Gotham*, and *Just For Laughs Australia* to name a few.

He's written jokes for the Comedy Central Roast of Justin Bieber and Rob Lowe, which were published by People Magazine. Smith was also featured in Time Magazine for his political material during the Obama administration.

He is the only Australian comedian ever to have been a regular performer at the world-renowned Comedy Cellar in New York City. He was also invited to perform in the New York Comedy Festival at the Town Hall.

No stranger to working with celebrities, Smith has opened for stars such as Louie CK, John Mayer, Jim Gaffigan, Bob Saget, Roast Master Jeffrey Ross and Arj Barker. Movie Star Gerard Butler personally hired Smith to roast him for his Birthday bash in NYC. Smith was also asked to perform at a private function for former New York Mayor Rudi Giuliani.

Smith, a former Lawyer and Australasian Public Speaking Champion, who was twice selected to compete at the World Debating Championships at Princeton University, will make his debut at the New Zealand International Comedy Festival this year with his smash hit show ***Pleasure Enthusiast***.

James Smith *Pleasure Enthusiast*
Auckland – Sky City Theatre
Saturday, May 5 @ 7.00pm – Duration 1 hour

Tickets on sale now through www.ticketek.co.nz

<https://www.comedyfestival.co.nz/find-a-show/james-smith-pleasure-enthusiast/>

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