BEST INTERNATIONAL COMEDIAN WINNER RAY BADRAN PRESENTS DEBUT HOUR AT THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE

Acclaimed Australian comedian and winner of *Best International Comedian* at the New Zealand Comedy Guild 2017 **Ray Badran** presents his debut stand-up show at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe following sold-out performances at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and New Zealand International Comedy Festival. His show *Everybody Loves Ray, Man* will be performed at the Pleasance Cellar from 1st – 25th August at 9:45pm.

After moving to the UK, the rising star is ready to tackle the big issues in life such as pockets, Subway sandwiches and fridges with his characteristic whimsy and off-beat observations. Having studied Medical Science for five long, gruelling years, Ray feels well-equipped to cast his eccentric eye on all manner of vastly more important and less frivolous subject matter than that degree.

Renowned for his quirky and sharp observations, Ray can be seen on the 6 part Comedy Central series *No Experience Necessary* which he wrote and starred in, and was described by New Zealand Herald as *"the funniest local TV show in ages"*. Ray can also be seen in the Channel 4 series *Temp* and heard on ABC's comedy podcast *Positions Vacant* which was featured in the Top 5 Comedy Podcasts in Australia as well as Top 20 Podcasts in Australia.

Widely considered to be one of the rising stars in Australian comedy, Ray has performed two solo shows, *Raised and Confused* (2015) and *Junior* (2016) at Melbourne International Comedy Festival. He has also performed shows as part of the Sydney, Perth, Brisbane, and New Zealand comedy festivals as well as featuring on the Sydney Comedy Festival Gala twice in 2014 and 2017. Originally from Sydney, Ray has performed in England, Wales, Scotland, Holland, Norway, Belgium, America, Hong Kong, New Zealand and across Australia.

CRITICAL PRAISE FOR RAY BADRAN

It all adds up to a beautiful, hilarious shambles **New Zealand Herald**

His style definitely struck the right chord for the night, getting the entire crowd in hysterics… **Arts Review Australia**

His attempts to be funny in his day-to-day life seem to have a way of backfiring in hilarious ways… these stories are funny and well told **Sydney Morning Herald**

He drew the audience in with his highly entertaining life observations. Ray has a warm demeanour and comes across as quite relatable **Radio Ha Ha**

LISTINGS INFORMATION

Ray Badran – Everybody Loves Ray, Man

Venue: The Pleasance, Cellar
Dates: 1st – 25th August (excl 12th)
Time: 9:45pm
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