

Hoodwinked

The Festival Spirit!

Hoodwinked is a new game show of bluff, deception and hilarity, played by a gargantuan, all-star, rotating panel of the funniest cards at the Melbourne Comedy Festival, shuffled nightly.

A cross between *Blankety Blanks*, *Spicks & Specks*, *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* and nothing else you've ever seen (!!!!). *Hoodwinked* is NOT a test of knowledge. Players are NOT expected to know the real answers, many of which will seem unbelievable. The main objective is to concoct answers that will fool other players. The real battle is not over who wins, but who wins the biggest laughs.

Hosted by Marcus Jones, contestants on the rotating panel include Jimeoin, Red Symons, Akmal, Bob Franklin, Lehmo, Lawrence Mooney, Brad Oakes, Joel Ozborn, Erik the Dog, Harry Angus (The Cat Empire), Claire Hooper, Simon Morley, Justin Kennedy, Matt Elsbury, Alan Length, Wendy Little, Daniel Oldaker, Gabriel Rossi, Janelle Koenig, Dave Ryan and all the funniest cards at the Festival.

Festival participants interested in being a contestant should contact thefestivalspirit@hoodwinked.com.au.

After 5 years touring with Jimeoin, Marcus Jones has created *Hoodwinked* in an attempt to capture and share the spirit and camaraderie of performers who meet up at festivals throughout the world. "It's about community and creativity. It's about laughing, being cheeky and having a good time. It's about an '70 minutes long" said Marcus.

A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to *BeyondBlue - The National Depression Initiative*.

Marcus Jones has been doing stand-up for only 3 years, but has gigged in Edinburgh, New York, LA and all around Australia, including over 100 shows supporting Jimeoin on Australian, UK & New Zealand tours. Already loathed by more credentialed comedians for these gigs, Marcus also appears in Jimeoin's 2005 feature film *The Extra* as Marko's (Bob Franklin) thug bouncer and will appear in *Ghost Rider* with Nicolas Cage (due for release Feb '07). Marcus was previously heard regularly on Melbourne radio.



Melbourne International Comedy Festival: 13 April - 6 May

Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays @ 11pm

The Comedy Club, The Athenaeum Theatre. 188 Collins St, Melbourne.

Bookings 03 9650 6668 www.ticketmaster.com.au 1300 660 013 www.comedyfestival.com.au

Sample Hoodwinked Questions & Answers

One of each of these answers is real. The rest have been penned to hoodwink.

1. What was the film "The Fifth Monkey" about?

- a) A zookeeper's life turns upside down soon after taking delivery of a rare primate.
- b) A newly married man attempts to sell four monkeys so he can buy a gift for his bride.
- c) A foreign aid worker unwittingly unleashes a lethal virus on his home town.
- d) A mentally handicapped boy is befriended by a circus monkey.

2. Which band released the album "Reeled and skinned"?

- a) Hook, Line & Sinker.
- b) Catch a Banshee.
- c) Shrill Mermaid.
- d) Red Snapper.

Real answers revealed at www.hoodwinked.com.au



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