



Steve Hughes

Yearning for a career where men want to be you and women want to have sex with you, Steve Hughes spent his formative years in Australia as heavy metal drummer. After ten years of recording and touring Steve gave up his job as a drummer and decided to start talking to the audience.

Heavy Rock bands Slaughter Lord, Mortal Sin, Nazzul, and Primordial's losses are the comedy world's gain.

Steve is now widely regarded one of the most esteemed and exciting stand up comedians working on the UK and International circuit. With a laconic and deceptively laid back style, Steve's musings on life and the universe are far reaching. A chain smoking, beer swilling, plain talking Australian, Steve's comfortable operating in the realms of such familiar subjects as drugs, sex, and pornos but his real passion is the topical, political and intellectual – delivered in a frequently provocative manner. Operating on many levels Steve's eloquently argued points are always passionate and delivered with blistering conviction.

His eclectic mix of quirky anecdotes and witty one-liners has earned him legions of fans across the U.K., as well as recent performances on BBC2's "The Live Floor Show," Paramount's "The Comedy Store" and Comedy Central's "The World Stands Up!". He has appeared all over Australia, won the first ever Green Faces Comedy Competition 1997, appeared on Channel 9's footy show, Won Australian Comedian of the year 1998, hosted MTV in Australia, appeared at almost every international comedy festival in the world and even supported Mr Methane on tour.

Chatting with the casual confidence of a comic at home in front of a crowd Steve Hughes' acute observations on British life are packed with conviction and passion about stuff that really matters to him.

Steve's philosophy - The idea of multiculturalism is meaningless, when there is in reality only one culture: 'People'

Festival Shows **Edinburgh**

- 2002** Performed at the Café Royal as part of the '**Big Value Comedy**' show
- 2004** Debut solo show '**At War With Satan**' in the Pleasance Courtyard
- 2005** Following the success of his debut show, Steve returned to Edinburgh with his second solo show '**Wake Up**', performing at the Underbelly in the Baby Belly
- 2006** Steve performed his most politically astute show '**Storm**' at the Pleasance Courtyard to huge controversy and critical acclaim.

Montreal

- 2005** Steve accepted an invitation to appear at the prestigious "Just For Laughs" Comedy Festival performing in 'Late Nite Down Under'; a show spotlighting the best of the Aussies & Kiwis performers from around the globe.



Winnipeg

2006 The CBC Winnipeg Comedy Festival invited Steve to perform his unique brand of political humour on their Televised Gala show and he also stormed their late night dirty show 'All Foul, No Harm'.

Kilkenny

2006 Steve made his festival debut, at the World Famous Cat Laughs Festival performing with many of the Worlds Best Stand Up comedians to sell out audiences.

Television

'**The Live Floor Show**' – BBC 2

'**The Comedy Store**' **Series 6** – Channel 5 & Paramount

'**The World Stands-Up**' – Paramount Comedy & Comedy Central

'**Comedy Cuts**' - ITV 1 & 2 (Broadcast 2007)

'**The Comedy Store**' **Series 7** – Paramount Comedy (Broadcast 2007)

'**Mike Wilmot's Comedy Blue**' – Paramount Comedy (Broadcast 2007)

Press

"One of the best hours of stand up at the fringe...acutely observed and cutting bone-deep. Steve delves into gutsier territory – racism, terrorism, homophobia – with an honesty and openness rarely seen among comics. His insights are spot-on, his opinions are intelligent and his jokes are top class."

The Guardian

"Mark Thomas and Rob Newman have proven how effective comedy can be as a mouthpiece for such issues. Hughes knocks them into a cocked hat. In summary: Hughes is gold." ★★★★★ **Metro**

"After an ingenious segment in which he proves with absolutely faultless logic that gay men are straighter than straight men, he chuckles as some bemused looks in the audience and says: "just getting your minds nice and wet for later on – this is going to get wacked." And wacked it gets. Hughes launches into an absolutely withering demolition of the thinking behind the War on Terror. He's not the first comedian to tackle this subject by any means, but I've never heard it chewed over with such devastating rigour."

★★★★ **The Scotsman**

"Invigorating...his bullshit-free take on the world is compelling and pungent". ★★★★★ **Edinburgh Guide**



"This is exactly what political comedy should be intelligent, provocative, profound, and topped off with good, solid gags. See him while it's still legal." ★★★★★ **Chortle**

"You get the feeling Steve Hughes is on the cusp of greatness. There is also the feeling that, if said greatness was achieved, he would probably tell it to f**k off. You will not see a more hilarious and passionate act at any festival." ★★★★★ **Hairline.org.uk**

"A laconic, and laid back performer, Hughes' quietly confident persona demonstrates a man at ease with his material. Think Boothby Graffoe...only Australian. Beneath the easy-going exterior, though, there's fine comic work being done, as Hughes tosses out elegant gags by the bucketload...a charming delivery" **Chortle**

"Steve Hughes will rock your world" **Three Weeks**

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