



**REGISTER FOR**

Class Clowns is a national comedy competition for young people at high school aged 14 – 17 or in Years 9 to 12. This is the entry form.

For more general information about Class Clowns go to [www.classclowns.com.au](http://www.classclowns.com.au) or contact the Comedy Festival and ask for a copy of our Education Brochure.

## HOW IT WORKS

### Registration and Preparation

Participants sign up for a local heat!

1. Participants prepare their acts. This happens before Class Clowns hits town. You can do almost anything: stand-up, sketch, physical theatre, musical comedy, clowning, whatever feels good.

Please keep in mind that Class Clowns is not a circus competition – pure acrobatics or stunts probably won't get too far.

2. Confirmation of your registration and specific instructions about the heat will be sent to you by your local copresenter.

### Local workshops and heats

3. You attend the workshop in which you've registered.

4. At the workshop a professional, practising comedian will run through each act, offering tips and advice.

5. After a break of varying duration (at some venues it's lunch, in others it's the weekend) your act is showcased at a public performance.

The Local Heat is a publicly ticketed event, often in the evening at a performing arts centre, compared by the workshop host. An Expert Panel of Judges selects a Heat winner.

### State Finals and National Finals

7. Heat winners then go through to the State Final in their capital city, and the winner of each State Final goes through to the National Final in Melbourne in September.

## RULES

Who can enter Class Clowns:

- Young people between the ages of 14 and 17, or in Years 9 through 12.
- More than one Act per school may be entered.
- You can enter through your school, or independently as an individual.
- Each Act may contain a maximum of 3 people.
- Acts must be a maximum of 5 minutes.
- Acts must be original, well rehearsed, funny, and not offensive.

- All forms of comedy are eligible including individual stand up routines, double acts, sketches, musical comedy, parodies and satire. Visual and physical comedy such as mime and clowning are acceptable, but juggling, acrobatics and magic are not eligible (unless the act is an absolute screamer!)

Remember to have your 5 minute act prepared before the workshop!

**PRIZES**

The Grand Prize for the National winner of Class Clowns is \$1000 cash for the winner’s school, and a \$1000 worth of “good comedy stuff” for the individual performer(s).

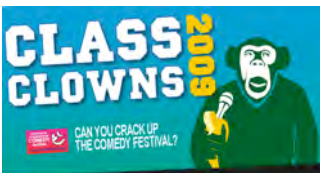
Do you want to fly to Melbourne for the Comedy Festival? Does your school need a new PA system? Would you like all your school fees paid and some music classes or performance workshops? Name it, it’s yours.

**COST**

The fine details for each State are slightly different, but in all cases you pay a (nominal) registration fee per act and that’s it! Check out the State schedule as part of this form.

Melbourne Comedy Festival and the State co-presenters will pay for:

- the workshop
- the heats
- if necessary, transport for regional finalists and their escort (1) to perform at State Finals
- airfares for interstate finalists and their escort (1) to attend the National Final. You have to provide your own accommodation in Melbourne.



**1. WHICH WORKSHOP?**

Check out the list of workshop and performances for your state, which is part of this document. Each workshop/performance is identified by a letter of the alphabet.

State: ..... Workshop: .....

(If some of your acts want to attend different workshops, fill out a different form for each workshop).

**2. YOUR CONTACT DETAILS:**

- I am a school teacher, entering acts on their behalf:

School: .....

Teacher’s Name: .....

Teacher please sign: .....

- I am a student, or group of students entering independently:

Your name: .....

One of your Parent’s names: .....

Parent please sign: .....

- Everyone:

Your mailing address: .....

Your daytime phone: .....

Your email: .....

**3. REGISTERED ACTS:**

Name of the act: .....

How many students in it? (max. 3) .....

Type of act (stand up, musical, sketch...) .....

If you’ve got more than one act acts, attach their details on a separate sheet of paper.

I need you to invoice me before I can pay.

- Potentially, due to high demand, we may not be able to fit you into the workshop you’ve chosen. We will contact you to confirm, whatever the case.
- A few quick reminders: a maximum of 3 students can be in each act, acts are 5 minutes long, acts must be entirely original and all students should be in Years 9 to 12.

**4. WHAT NEXT?**

Return this form to the contact for your heat listed on the appropriate state schedule.

The contact responsible for the workshop/performance you’ve nominated will confirm your registrations with you, and provide further details about the day.

You can contact them with any questions you might have.



# CLASS CLOWNS '09

## WORKSHOPS & PERFORMANCES FOR: NEW SOUTH WALES, 2009

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**A:** Mon June 1

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In the meantime, contact the Comedy Festival:

Email [bridget@comedyfestival.com.au](mailto:bridget@comedyfestival.com.au)

**B:** Fri Jun 5

The Loft Youth Arts & Cultural Centre, Level 1/7A Wolfe Street Newcastle  
Workshop 2.00pm, Performance 5.00pm



Registration fees are \$ 15 inc. gst for each act.

Register before Fri May 29.

Return your form, and address all enquiries to:

Barney Langford, The Loft Youth Arts & Cultural Centre

PO Box 489 Newcastle NSW 2300

Phone 02 4974 2092, Fax 02 4974 2093; Email [blangford@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:blangford@ncc.nsw.gov.au)

**C:** Wed June 10

Riverside Theatres; cnr. Market & Church Streets, Parramatta  
Workshop 10.00am, Performance 2.00pm



Registration for these heats are administered by Big Laugh Comedy Attractions.

Please contact Jonathan Llewellyn, Riverside Theatres on 02 8839 3389

or visit [www.riversideparramatta.com.au](http://www.riversideparramatta.com.au)

**D:** Thu Jun 18

Illawarra Performing Arts Centre; 32 Burelli Street, Wollongong  
Workshop 2.00pm, Performance Sat June 20, 2.15pm

ILLAWARRA PERFORMING



Registration fees are \$ 44 inc. gst for the first act from a school, and \$11 for each subsequent act from that school. Individual registration fees are \$44 inc. gst each act.

Register before: Thu June 11.

Return your form, and address all enquiries to:

Jennifer O'Sullivan, Illawarra Performing Arts Centre

Phone 02 4226 3699 ext 103; Fax 02 4226 9696;

Email [josullivan@merrigong.com.au](mailto:josullivan@merrigong.com.au)

# CLASS CLOWNS 2009

## NEW SOUTH WALES STATE FINAL:

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Sun June 28 Riverside Theatres; cnr. Market & Church Streets, Parramatta  
Workshop 11.00am, Performance 3.00pm

## NATIONAL FINAL:

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Tue Sep 15 Malthouse Theatre, 113 Sturt Street Southbank.  
Rehearsal 9.00am, Performance 1.00pm

## THEATRESPORTS:

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Class Clowns is working with Impro Australia to use impro and Theatresports workshops to develop comic writing and development skills.

During May and June of each year, over 100 teams from high schools in Sydney and regional NSW take part in the Theatresports® Schools Competition (TSC).

Theatresports® challenges students to create scenes based on surprise offers with no preparation time, and it's also the basis for such TV shows as 'Thank God You're Here'.

Teams can enter the Intermediate (yrs 9 & 10) or Senior (yrs 11 & 12) division. For more information, email [geoff.bartlett@improaustralia.com.au](mailto:geoff.bartlett@improaustralia.com.au).

A poster for the Class Clowns 2009 Teenage Gala. The background is a vibrant blue. On the left, the text 'CLASS CLOWNS 2009' is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Below this, 'TEENAGE GALA' is written in a similar style. To the right, there is a cartoon illustration of a monkey wearing a black jacket with 'CC' on the chest, holding a microphone. Below the main text, there is a paragraph of text in a smaller font: 'A brilliantly funny showcase of the best comedians in Australia younger than 20, the cream of the Class Clowns crop! This really is a teeny gig - in the Festival's biggest room! Featuring Special Guest MC Sam Simmons (Triple J)'. At the bottom of the poster, there is a black banner with white text: 'MELBOURNE TOWN HALL • FRIDAY 24 APRIL • 1PM' and 'CALL 03 9245 3700 FOR SCHOOL GROUP BOOKINGS'.

