

Ugly as a child

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Straight from her critical and commercial success at the 2008 Melbourne Fringe, one of Melbourne's most talked about emerging female performers, Felicity Ward, is finally making her Melbourne International Comedy Festival solo debut with a new season of her award-winning show – Felicity Ward's Ugly As A Child Variety Show.

You may have heard Felicity as the host of ABC Radio's The Comedy Hour, or seen her on TV as the six-year-old school girl Poppy on Network Ten's sketch show The Ronnie Johns Half Hour, or enjoyed her appearances on the ABC's Spicks and Specks. One thing is for sure, if you haven't come across Felicity Ward yet – make it a priority this comedy festival.

Felicity was ugly as a child. She had a pan toilet until she was eleven. She had a Beta video player until 1993. Her mum gave her carob instead of chocolate at Easter (Dirty hippy!). Felicity Ward's Ugly As A Child Variety Show is directed by Alan Brough.

Felicity thinks you should get to know more about her, through standup, characters, songs and electrocution-style trivia games. Watch this car accident of a person trying to let you into her brain.

Melbourne Town Hall – Backstage Room

Dates: April 2–26 (not Mondays)

Tickets: \$22 Sat/Sun; \$20 full/ \$17 Conc/\$15 Previews

Bookings: Ticketmaster 1300 660 013 or www.comedyfestival.com.au



It's comedy, stupid

“Perfect place to laugh off those economic blues”

The Global Financial Crisis getting you down? Can't afford to pay your tuition fees? Fed up with the high price of petrol and the overseas holiday is sinking faster than the Australia dollar? Don't worry there is still one blue chip bargain if you know where to look – the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Nothing All Ords about the 2009 Melbourne Comedy Festival with over 300 shows, international and local 1200 performers and an average ticket price of \$22. The Comedy Festival is the perfect place to laugh off those economic blues.

The Melbourne International Comedy Festival will take over the city from April 1–26 with audiences flocking to see theatre, stand up, music, visual arts, kids' shows, and cabaret, all with a humorous bent.

With more than 455,000 people attending Comedy Festival events in 2008, it is one of the three largest comedy festivals in the world along with the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and Montreal's Just for Laughs Festival.

Festival Director, Susan Provan said: "It is the best time to be in Melbourne. Our tickets and packages deals enable people to fully experience the Festival. They can see the best in overseas performers and discover the superstars of tomorrow without melting the credit card."

Scores of the world's funniest people, including overseas guest artists and our much-loved local acts are currently joining list of performers in the 2009

Comedy Festival.

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Felicity Ward's
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As seen on
SPICKS & SPECKS
and **THE RONNIE JOHNS HALF HOUR**

WINNER
BEST NEWCOMER
2008
MELBOURNE FRINGE

Directed by Alan Brough
MELBOURNE TOWN HALL Backstage Room
7.15pm • April 2-26 (no Mon)
6.15 pm (Sun) • Previews April 2-4
Facebook: Felicity Ward's Ugly As A Child Variety Show



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