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FADY KASSAB



Lebanese-born, Sydney-based **Fady Kassab** was the 2019 winner of Australia's most prestigious comedy competition, *triple j's RAW Comedy*. His show-stopping performances televised on SBS TV, saw him subsequently flown to that year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe where he was selected to feature in the *Best of Edinburgh Showcase Show*.

Whilst in Edinburgh Fady made the grand finals of the Gilded Balloon's long-running *So you Think You're Funny* comedy. The most influential comedy competition in the UK has since its inception in 1988 started the careers of comedy luminaries, putting Fady in the company of previous finalists including Dylan Moran, Lee Mack, Graham Norton, Hannah Gadsby.

Fady is a paid regular at Sydney's Comedy Store and has a background in radio, having started his media career hosting SBS Radio Arabic Program as a producer and on-air talent.

A childhood spent with 17 years of the Lebanese war as the backdrop, and his migration to Australia give Fady a unique perspective to draw from, and he credits the traumas of war with fuelling his optimistic approach to life and comedy in general. He speaks funny truths with dark undertones and approaches topics delicately and provocatively.

The rapidly rising star is a comic to set your sights on.

"Has you hooked in the first sentence and laughing in the second. Kassab has got the confidence of a man unfazed by a comedy gig after he's encountered Israeli tanks." *Chortle (UK)*