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MAKE IT BIG BY MAKING THEM LAUGH

Brisbane Powerhouse and Melbourne Comedy Festival present

CLASS CLOWNS

Are you the king or queen of classroom gags? Do you think you're hilarious, or more importantly, do other people think you are? Take the challenge and test out your comedic skill in front of the professionals and an audience during **Class Clowns**. The annual event, held every year at Brisbane Powerhouse, will be a complete crack up from **Wednesday 28 April – Friday 30 April 2010** with the state final on **Saturday 22 May**.

The hunt for Australia's funniest secondary school kid has no geographical boundaries. **Class Clowns** is a national secondary school comedy competition. If you're in years 9 to 12 or between 14 and 17 years old, get your comedy act together for Class Clowns 2010 and you could be heading to Melbourne to perform with the funniest Class Clowners from around the nation.

As part of this mind blowing experience, Melbourne International Comedy Festival send professional comedians to Brisbane Powerhouse to work intensively with participants on their five-minute comedy routines, at workshops across the three days. This year's facilitator is none other than the incredibly funny and talented **Sammy J**. All acts compete in the heats for a position in the state finals. Finalists from the state are judged by a special panel of celebrity guests on Saturday 22 May 2010.

The best of the best (the winner) gets star treatment, with a trip to Melbourne to compete in the national final (always a sell-out) for a grand \$1000 cash prize, plus another grand for their school and the possibility of fame and fortune! In the past, popular artists involved in **Class Clowns** judging include Terri Psiakis of Triple M and Triple J fame, NOVA's Meshel Laurie, and Brisbane Comedy Festival curator Josh Thomas. Imagine who they've got lined up this time.

If you're keen to get involved, why not make it a class activity and get your teacher and class mates involved. Workshops are from 9:30am - 12:30pm daily at Brisbane Powerhouse, which includes a light snack. All you need to do is register for Class Clowns by downloading a form off the website www.classclowns.com.au. All information is available on the website, including teachers' notes.

Please email your questions or your registration forms to: tanyahirokom@brisbanepowerhouse.org or fax attention to Tanya on 07 3358 8611. Brisbane Powerhouse will then send you a confirmation pack with further information and an invoice.

Class Clowns is the flagship event of the Melbourne Comedy Festival's education program. Much more than simply a comedy competition, this mentoring program develops the art of comedy from Darwin to Hobart, Perth to Byron Bay and in over 20 centres in between. Professional, practicing comedians are sent across Australia to work with teenagers' comedy routines and host them in real, live gigs.

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Date	Wed 28 Apr – Fri 30 Apr 2009
Time	Heat Workshops: Wed 28 Apr – Fri 30 Apr at 9.30am Heat Competition: Wed 28 Apr – Fri 30 Apr at 1.30pm State Final: Sat 22 May at 7.30pm
Venue	Brisbane Powerhouse
Heat Bookings	07 3358 8600 or brisbanepowerhouse.org

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