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MATTHEW HARDY

Comedian, Television Presenter and Author

Matthew was born in Glen Waverley, Victoria. Before moving from Melbourne to London in 1992, he was a freelance writer for *The Age*, performed at the Last Laugh and was named Best New Comic at the Hilton Hotel (judged by Russell Gilbert, Trevor Marmalade and Glenn Robbins). He was a writer for the Coodabeen Champions radio shows, and had a number of his footy songs featured on Greg Champion's *That's What I Like About Football* album.

Based in London until February 2000, Matthew became a regular performer at the world famous Comedy Store and also on BBC TV's top-rating *Saturday Night Stand-Up Show*. Matthew wrote for the UK edition of *FHM* magazine and also created a TV sketch series that was nominated at Montreaux's International Golden Rose Awards in 1999.

In 1999, Matthew had his debut novel, *Saturday Afternoon Fever* published by HarperCollins. The rites of passage story of an obsessive Australian Rules Football fan quickly became a bestseller. The book went into another reprint in January 2002.

At the 2000 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Matthew performed an adaptation of the book, directed by Tes Lyssiotis, which received rave reviews. He returned to the 2001 Melbourne International Comedy Festival with *Sex and the Suburbs*

Matthew was seen on Australian television as the host of the tonight show, *The Big Schmooze* on thecomedychannel, with co-host Kate Langbroek and Dave O'Neill. He has regularly appeared as a panellist on *The Fat (100% Tony Squires)* and has written for the UK television series, *The Sketch Show*.

He is now on drive time Melbourne radio with former AFL legend Dermott Brereton and channel 10 sports commentator Anthony Hudson.

Appearances for Virgin UK, Time Out magazine (the UK's top showbiz magazine) and Jongleurs (UK's largest franchise of comedy venues) plus performances in Australia for clients including the St Kilda Football Club and the Australian Screen Radio and Television Association have seen Matthew develop his comedy skills to become a highly professional MC, compere and entertainer for the corporate entertainment market.

CLIENT FEEDBACK

"Brilliant ... a highly entertaining and very funny show"

Virgin UK

"Matthew Hardy was always among our first choices for major corporate bookings. A dynamic performer, an excellent MC and very funny comedian"

Jongleurs UK

"Matthew's comedic talents have made him the ideal host, compere and MC for a number of our functions. I look forward to having him work for us on many occasions in the future."

St Kilda Football Club



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