



## IMPROV COMEDY WORKSHOPS

• HOSTED BY RU HALWALA & TOM STEVENSON •

Scary Strangers is a touring comedy production company founded by Sydney comedians, Ru Halwala and Tom Stevenson.

Combining their skills in teaching, producing, performing and writing, Scary Strangers have coached students from all walks of life, enabling participants to harness their creativity with confidence.



The STEAM Room 2023 featuring Doctor Karl @ Enmore Theatre

“ Thank you for sharing your passion for comedy with us. Through your teachings and feedback we have learnt so much! The experience of performing is something I will forever cherish. It was exhilarating and exciting! ”

Tina Baradaran  
PhD Candidate, UNSW

# BENEFITS OF IMPROVISATION

There are so many benefits to improvisation!

We improvise not only for self-expression, but to learn how to connect with others. Improv helps us to be present and enjoy the moment, to collaborate and support each other's ideas, and feel comfortable in new environments.

Some of the key benefits of improvisation include:

- Building harmonious relationships
  - Communicating effectively
  - Communicating non-verbally
    - Active listening
    - Boosting confidence
- Increased focus and flow states
  - Channeling positivity
  - Compelling storytelling
- Enhanced memory and cognition

All while having heaps of fun!



Improv Workshop @ Scary Strangers Studio, Chippendale NSW

“ These workshops are an incredibly safe and nurturing space for emerging comics. Ru and Tom's (both gorgeous and talented and natural mentors) activities really get you out of your logical brain and into a form of expression that is silly, untethered and just overall fun. Can't wait for the next session! ”

Mark Mariano

*Senior Digital Producer, Delicious*



The STEAM Room 2022 featuring Doctor Karl @ Factory Theatre

## OUR EXPERIENCE

We have produced a series of comedy workshop programs and star-studded, sell-out shows across the country, including:

### **The STEAM Room science comedy experience ft. Doctor Karl**

#### **2022 Program:**

Sydney Comedy Festival - Factory Theatre & Comedy Store Sydney  
Australian Museum - Jurassic Lounge  
Splendour in the Grass

#### **2023 Program:**

Melbourne International Comedy Festival - Malthouse Theatre  
Sydney Comedy Festival - Enmore Theatre  
Brisbane Comedy Festival - Brisbane Powerhouse  
Australian Museum - Jurassic Lounge  
World Science Festival Brisbane - Queensland Museum

#### **Media:**

The Guardian: *The science of standup: can you train someone to be funny?*  
Chemistry World: *Stand-up, for science*  
ABC Radio's Science Friction: *The STEAM Room science experiment — I wannabe a stand-up comic!*

#### **Ru's Chit-Chat-Cadillac Improv Comedy Podcast**

Available on Spotify, YouTube & Apple Podcasts

#### **Worship Queer Collective Mentor Program '23**

Funded by City of Sydney

#### **Big Cat Club Improvised Comedy Night**

Funded by City of Sydney

#### **Are You Havin' a Laugh?! Comedy Variety Night**

2020 - 2023

Ru Halwala is also part of the teaching faculties at Improv Theatre Sydney, Sydney Girls High School, and Pymble Ladies College.

Tom Stevenson is part of the teaching faculty at Redlands High School.

# WORKSHOP PACKAGES

Get a taste of improv comedy, brush up on existing skills, or book a focused skills development workshop. All workshops can be fully customised according to your preferences, experience levels, ages etc.

Focused skills may include:

- Teamwork • Communication/Active Listening • Comedy Writing
- Presentation/Storytelling • Confidence

- **STANDARD** •  
Up to 14 participants

**Includes:**

2.5 hr Workshop (incl. 15 min break)  
2 Coaches (Tom & Ru)

\$500

- **HALF DAY** •  
Up to 16 participants

**Includes:**

4 hr Workshop (incl. 30 min break)  
2 Coaches (Tom & Ru)

\$750

- **FULL DAY** •  
Up to 20 participants

**Includes:**

8hr Workshop (incl. 1 hr break)  
2 Coaches (Tom & Ru)

\$1500

- **10 DAY COURSE** •  
Up to 16 participants

**Includes:**

10 x 2.5 hr Workshop (incl. 15 min break)  
2 Coaches (Tom & Ru)

\$4750

- **10 DAY COURSE + GRAD SHOW** •  
Up to 10 participants  
Custom quote

If you do not have access to a venue, Scary Strangers studio is available for hire in Chippendale NSW, for up to 10 participants. Otherwise, we'll come to your venue of choice!

*Please note Scary Strangers studio does not have an accessible entry, but it does have 2 beautiful cats!*

Reach out to us at [hello@scarystrangers.com](mailto:hello@scarystrangers.com) to book your workshop.



Big Cat Club @ Wildfire Lounge

# WHO WE'VE WORKED WITH



improv theatre sydney



WERSHIP



CITY OF SYDNEY

QUEENSLAND MUSEUM

World Science Festival  
Brisbane



Rymble Ladies' College



REDLANDS  
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



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ia  
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CENTURY  
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SOLOTEL



Jurassic Lounge @ Australian Museum

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# ENQUIRY FORM

NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

COMPANY:

I'D LIKE TO BOOK THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOP:

STANDARD

HALF DAY

FULL DAY

10 DAY

10 DAY + GRAD SHOW

OTHER:

I AM INTERESTED IN GAINING THE FOLLOWING SKILLS & EXPERIENCE:

MY REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD KNOW?

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