**2014 New Zealand Comedy Guild Awards!**

**…and the nominees are**

**BEST NEWCOMER**

**The best new face to come on the scene in the last 12 months**

Brendon Kelly

David Correos

Fan Brigade

James Malcolm

Neil Thornton

**BEST SHOW CONCEPT**

**An award to honour fresh and brave ideas regardless of commercial success. The NZ show (either in or outside the Festival) that was based on a really good idea that was gutsy and broke new comedy ground. This isn't about ticket sales or reviews, it's about a bloody good comedy idea.**

Bronaissance - James Nokise

Bad Taste Hour 2 - Ed Caruthers & Reuben Lee

Kraken – Trygve Wakenshaw

Tag Team Comedy – Brad Zimmerman & Guests

Worstest Hits – Tom Furniss

**BEST SHOW**

**Your favourite kiwi comedy "show" (as in a specific event, rather than a normal showcase) this year, either during the Festival or at any other time**

Heart Goes Boom – Jamie Bowen

Presents a Succinct & Concise Summary of How He Feels About Certain Things – Guy Montgomery

Hombre Lobo – Rhys Mathewson

**BEST ON THE BOX**

**A new award where we recognise the best piece of comedy on TV, from stand-up to sit coms, maybe even a witty bit of news reading.**

7 Days

Jono and Ben at Ten

Short Poppies

Best Bits

**BEST NZ ON-SCREEN COMEDY PERFORMANCE**

**Best comedy performance by an individual in a NZ-made film or television programme broadcast this year**

Cori Gonzalez-Macuer – What We Do in the Shadows

Jermaine Clement – What We Do in the Shadows

Rhys Darby – Short Poppies

Rose Matafeo – Jono and Ben at Ten

**BEST MEDIA SUPPORT**

**The magazine/newspaper/radio or television programme that best raised our profile and supported local comedy**

NZ Herald

Radio NZ National

TV3

**‘The Classic’ BEST COMEDY VENUE**

**Favourite place to perform within NZ over the last year, named after Auckland’s Classic Comedy Bar which won the award 10 years in a row then retired from the award to encourage other venues.**

Hurstmere Road - Auckland

San Francisco Bathhouse - Wellington

Snatch - Auckland

The Basement - Auckland

Cavern Club – Wellington

**BEST INTERNATIONAL GUEST**

**The overseas comedian who gave the most to the NZ comedy community this year – by being a great comedian and / or a good person.**

Carey Marx

Gordon Southern

James Acaster

Markus Birdman

Reginald D Hunter

Stuart Goldsmith

**BEST INDUSTRY FRIEND**

**The person who has best supported the industry, be it on stage or behind the scenes**

David Oakes

Hilaire Carmody

Hilary Coe

Lauren Griffin

Nick Rado

Richard Carrington

Tarun Mohanbhai

Te Radar

TM Bishop

Vaughan King

**MOST IMPROVED COMEDIAN**

**The comedian, regardless of experience, who has progressed the most over the last year, in terms of quality of performance, material, attitude, etc**

James Roque

Louise Beuvink

Matt Stellingwerf

Paul Douglas

Patch Lambert

Stephen Witt

**THE GREEN ROOMER**

**The comedian who is the most fun to share space with off-stage. The person who you see when you walk in and think, this is going to be a good night, no matter what happens on stage.**

Guy Montgomery

Jamie Bowen

Jarred Fell

Matt Stellingwerf

Vaughan King

**THE ANDREW KOVACEVICH MEMORIAL CUP FOR MOST OFFENSIVE GAG**

**In honour of the late AK, the gag that pushed envelopes and boundaries by making us laugh and cringe at the same time.**

**Ants Heath –** “I always thought I'd be involved in a cokehead's rape and murder binge. I just didn't think I'd be the victim”

**Dave Nicholls** – “So I was fucking this chick from behind right and she shat all over my cock, wasn't her fault....who knew rohypnol gave diarrhoea to children???? Oh that didn't go down well.........that’s ok she did!”

**Neil Elston –** “We had to go to the midwife who instructs us to have sex during said sex baby kicks and I whisper in her ear oooh bit like a threesome”

**Reuben Lee –** Rolf Harris gag

**Rhys Mathewson –** 3 wanks gag

**Stephen Witt – “**Stop struggling” gag

**GAG OF THE YEAR**

**It'll be subjective and contentious and opinions will vary, but here are their gags written as best we can…**

**Brendhan Lovegrove – If Prince George had been born with Down Syndrome gag**

**Paul Amos – “**EVERYBODY! was Kung Fu fighting” gag

**Tevita Manukia –** “Fuuuuck, Moses” gag

**Tim Batt –** Saving money for future me is boring gag

**BEST MC**

**The comedian who has done the best job of hosting comedy shows this year; the one who creates the best environment for comedians to work in**

Jamie Bowen

Nick Rado

Matt Stellingwerf

Tim Batt

Vaughan King

**BEST MALE COMEDIAN**

**The guy you rate as the best in the business this year**

Ben Hurley

Brendhan Lovegrove

Dai Henwood

Guy Montgomery

Jamie Bowen

James Nokise

Jeremy Elwood

Rhys Mathewson

Tevita Manukia

**BEST FEMALE COMEDIAN**

**The woman you rate as the best in the business this year**

Irene Pink

Justine Smith

Louise Beuvink

Michele A’Court

Rose Matafeo

TM Bishop

Urzila Carlson

**THE KEVIN SMITH MEMORIAL CUP FOR BEST ARTIST ACHIEVEMENT**

**The act who has made their mark, either nationally or internationally, with one or more breakthrough achievements over the last year.**

Cori Gonzalez-Macuer & Co for the international success of ‘What We Do in the Shadows’

Trygve Wakenshaw – award winning festival shows in NZ, AU and UK

Urzila Carlson – sell out shows in both NZ and AU festivals

Jarred Fell – performing internationally in Las Vegas and Asia

Fan Fiction – success in Edinburgh Festival