



Media Release

CRIMINALS AND PARRAMATTA PIRATES

Two special shows from Rod Quantock

Always suspected that comedians are a shady lot? You're right. Hosted by the squeaky clean (on a technicality) Rod Quantock, **Coming Clean** subpoenas some of our finest comics, shines a bare light-bulb in their eyes, and "encourages" them (with just a hint of baton and pepper spray) to confess their misdemeanours.

From shoplifting and drug running to evading Interpol, Coming Clean exposes the sordid underbelly of Australia's comedy subculture. You'll be the judge and jury in an orgy of crime where no-one is innocent, but everyone gets out alive.

Rod Quantock and Fiona Scott Norman originally created Coming Clean for the Old Melbourne Gaol, where Ned Kelly and the perpetrators of the Eureka Rebellion paced away the hours. Where better to revive the show than at Riverside Theatres built on the site of the original Parramatta Gaol which closed in 1842. It was built in 1798 and within two years the prisoners burnt it down! The site was known as Gaol Green until it was renamed Prince Alfred Park after Queen Victoria's son visited Parramatta in 1868.

Confessing to their Crimes will be Mark "Bob Downe" Trevorrow, Jackie Loeb and Dave Grant, with Tom Molomby QC as Judge.

The Laugh Boat was a hit of the 2006 Big Laugh Comedy Festival. Created by Rod Quantock it proved to be one of his most memorable and imaginative comedy events since the invention of his legendary Bus show many years ago.

Passengers on the Good Ship Rivercat had the cruise of a lifetime on the Parramatta River, docking uninvited at several wharves to visit residents, weddings, boat sheds and interacting spontaneously and hilariously with everyone. The Father of The Bride at a riverside reception centre credited Rod and the 150 Laugh Boat passengers with making his daughter's wedding "fantastic" and saving the event from being "incredibly boring."

The Laugh Boat I happened in the evening. Laugh Boat II happens in broad daylight and arrives back at sunset. You might want to wear a pirate disguise!

One show only and not to be missed! Rod Quantock's Laugh Boat is the ultimate in improvised interactive spontaneous madness from the comedian who has been described as "a national living treasure".

**BIG LAUGH COMEDY FESTIVAL
LAUGH BOAT**

Venue: Parramatta River, beside Riverside Theatres

Address: Corner Church and Market Streets, Parramatta

Date: Saturday March 31

Time: 4.45pm for a 5.15pm departure

Bookings: 8839 3399 or www.biglaughcomedyfestival.com.au

Ticket Price: \$55

COMING CLEAN

Venue: Lennox Theatre, Riverside Theatres

Address: Corner Church and Market Streets, Parramatta

Date: Sunday April 1

Time: 3:00pm

Bookings: 8839 3399 or www.biglaughcomedyfestival.com.au

Ticket Price: \$25.90 Adult, \$19.90 Concession
