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Comedy talent on display at the Art Gallery of WA

The Art Gallery of WA has announced two special nights of comedic debate with an artistic twist, as part of the second season of AGWA Nights. Hosted by well-known comedian, Dave Callan, (Triple J, Rove Live, Spicks and Specks and the Footy Show) the *AGWA Allsorts Comedy Debates* will take place on Friday 21 and 28 September.

These two events will see a panel of local and interstate comedians passionately interpreting Modernist ideas inspired by the works in AGWA's *Picasso to Warhol: Fourteen Modern Masters* exhibition.

On Friday 21 September, Callan will join local comedians James De Leo and Andrea Gibbs, along with interstate comedians Ben Darsow and Xavier Michelides to contest the divisive question: *Should we celebrate the everyday or the sublime?*

Drawing from Andy Warhol's prophetic quote, "in the future everybody will be world famous for fifteen minutes," the panel will parley on the pop culture of 21st century life including Facebook, YouTube and reality TV.

On Friday 28 September, local comedian Bonnie Davies will join Dave Callan and three other guests to traverse the topic: *Do we make more sense in our dreams?*



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Inspired by the Surrealist artists Giorgio De Chirico and Joan Miró, panellists will consider what is real and what is imagined, and the blurry line between conscious reality and obscurity.

After the laughs subside, the audience will be given the power to decide which panellists bask in Modernist glory and those that enter the hall of shame.

Through the *AGWA Allsorts Comedy Debates* both art and comedy fans will enjoy fresh, bold, and downright funny explorations of 20th Century ideas in the 21st Century.

Event Info:

Tickets \$19^{+BF} Admission includes entrance to *Picasso to Warhol* exhibition.
Doors open at 5.30pm. Exhibition opens at 5.30pm. Debates start at 7pm.
Tickets available from Ticketek and at the AGWA Box Office.
18⁺ events; under 18s must be accompanied by a guardian.

Listing Info:

AGWA Allsorts Comedy Debates, hosted by Dave Callan.

Comedic exploration of 20th century ideas in the 21st Century. Laughs, art and more.

Friday 21 September

Should we celebrate the everyday or the sublime? Inspired by Andy Warhol
Facebook, YouTube, Reality TV and your fifteen minutes of fame

Friday 28 September

Do we make more sense in our dreams? Inspired by Giorgio De Chirico and Joan Miró
Dream interpretation and that blurry line between conscious reality and obscurity

High res promotional images are available and interviews can be scheduled.