



## Simon McKinney

**Height** 178 cm

**Pronouns** He/Him

### Event Highlights.

**2023** Nover Group Event, C&I Travel - Entertainer

**2022** Forest Industry Contractors Conference 2022, Forestry Industry Contractors Association - Speaker

Simon McKinney is New Zealand 's#1 stand up character impressionist and a much sought-after MC for both live and corporate performances.

He has traveled the world, performed at Edinburgh Festivals, all across the UK, as well as in the USA, and around the Pacific, Asia, and even Antarctica and for the troops in Afghanistan.

Simon has made multiple appearances at both NZ and international comedy festivals, on television and radio, and has released a one-hour solo stand-up special on iTunes.

Having opened for big names including Irish comedy legend Tommy Tiernan, USA's Greg Proops (Whose Line Is It Anyway), and the UK 's Stephen Merchant (The Office, Extras), his international accents and delivery connect him with his audience and give him true global appeal.

### Testimonials.

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Simon is an extraordinary comedian who knows how to bring laughter to any audience. His wit is razor sharp and his humour is incredibly relatable. Simon's ability to read the room and interact with the finale dinner group we had from Australia, was impeccable and his delivery flawless, which helped when dealing with a room that otherwise may have not liked the Aussie accent he was imitating. However, the high kiwi lady accent had them in stitches. Brilliant.

Beyond his exceptional talent on stage, Simon was a true professional to work with. He is friendly, approachable and was always ready to help out to make sure everyone had a fantastic time. He is the real deal, and I can't recommend him enough.

Nover Group Event

C & I Travel

- **Samantha Milligan | Account Manager**

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**Testimonials continued...**

Simon had the unenviable task of entertaining a room full of salt-of-the-earth tradies at the end of a three-day conference - and he did a fantastic job! He read the room really well and kept almost everyone laughing for a solid 90 minutes. The feedback has been fantastic, and I am not sure how we will top that next year!

Fencing Contractors NZ Conference Dinner 2022

- **Jaime Bigwood | Marketing & Events Manager**

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Simon never fails to turn a room of sensible adults into a tearful jolly audience that just can't get enough of him. He could entertain for hours as his repertoire is extensive. I have lost count how many times I have been with him at events we have done together&as the organizer even I get a kick out of seeing so many people in fits! He's truly got the gift and comes with grand recommendations from me again.

Forest Industry Contractors Association Dinner 2022

- **Prue Younger | CEO**

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Simon was professional but flexible and relaxed. He was incredibly funny and edgy but never inappropriate. He knows how to walk that fine line which is essential in a business environment. Except for their laughter the crowd was absolutely silent when Simon was doing his thing –they didn't want to miss a word. I thoroughly recommend Simon for corporate events–and we look forward to using him again in the future.

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