



Brendhan Lovegrove.

Height 177 cm

MC/Entertainer Biography

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It's no joke that Brendhan Lovegrove is extremely good at being funny.

He's won almost every local comedy award going and holds a record eight New Zealand Comedy Guild awards for Best Male Comedian.

He's also extremely experienced, having spent the last two decades honing his caustic wit and crowd-wrangling skills at clubs, pubs and corporate gigs in New Zealand and offshore.

Known for his risqué comedy, slightly manic persona and motormouth delivery, Brendhan laps up crowd interaction (note to shy retiring types, don't sit in the front row at his shows) and heckler beware: you won't go unchallenged. His bold humour is intelligent and layered, and, ever the professional, he willingly tailors it to any event.

During his six-year stint headlining numerous gigs in the United Kingdom Brendhan performed at top comedy clubs such as Jongleurs, The Comedy Store, The Glee Club and Up the Creek. More recently, he had a regular guest spot on Australian TV show Rove Live, has appeared on local comedy game show 7 Days, and has hosted local comedy showcase A Night At The Classic.

He's also the first Kiwi to win an international comedy award, at the 2012 Jakarta International Comedy Festival, Indonesia, playing alongside the likes of Brit funnyman Bill Bailey and US comedy legend Emo Philips.

A self-confessed cricket geek (and former school First Eleven captain) one of Brendhan's most prized possessions is a cricket ball signed by local legend Sir Richard Hadlee. And watching/analysing one-day and test match re-runs on YouTube cheers him up no end, although he prefers it live on his purpose-bought 55 inch TV. He's also a guitar music fan and stores a wealth of "useless but interesting" music trivia in his head. His dream gigs would be a live early Sex Pistols show and David Bowie as Ziggy Stardust.

He caught the comedy bug one night watching a local Auckland show. He tried out at an open mike night and, applause ringing in his ears, knew he'd found his calling. He ditched his political science and philosophy studies and followed his dream around the then-fledgling local stand up comedy scene.

Although a seasoned traveller, Brendhan admits he's a bundle of nerves when flying and resorts to (legal)drugs. He doesn't drive either, preferring public transport or sponging rides off mates.

And while he loves to eat, he cheerfully confesses he's not much of a cook and relies on ready meals, restaurants and the kindness of friends to stave off hunger.

Like many night-owls, Brendhan prefers to cloak himself in darkness—black jeans and t-shirt are his usual performance garb. But he's no bad-boy bogan, he just prefers the understated look.

Outside comedy, he says his greatest love is his teenage daughter. His bucket list is simple: to be a good dad, to quit all his vices and to be a good comedian.

Testimonials.

ALL BLACKS DINNER - ENTERTAINMENT

Just a quick note to say that Brendan Lovegrove did an awesome job with his show for the All Blacks tonight. His manic style and ability to connect with the boys was great. A lot of players and staff were rubbing the tears out of their eyes which was just what we needed. We would totally love to get him get him back again one day.

- Darren Shand, All Blacks Manager

NZFMA CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC AND DINNER - MC - 20 SEPTEMBER 2014 "Brandhan was extremely hilarious and entertaining during his MC gig for our awards dinner. He mixed in some stand up comedy amongst the more formal parts of his MC script which was very refreshing and made the audience laugh to tears. He was able to read the crowd quickly and thus come up with appropriate jokes and suitable for the occasion. We would definitely love to have Brandhan MC again for any future corporate awards dinners"

- Soiree Events