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The Musical Comedy Jukebox

From the ashes of Melbourne's lockdown rises a unique phoenix of a show!

Comedy singer/songwriter Richard Thornton spent the last 18 months performing online to a global audience on Twitch. Renowned for **unique, high-energy performances**, Richard's Fringe debut was set to bring his interactive digital act to life, but with Melbourne's lockdown extension, it's only fitting that this show will now be brought to you on the Melbourne Fringe digital platform.



Using a QR code and his own app, **audiences interact with Richard** from the comfort of their home. Viewers can vote on the song list, play sound effects, change Richard's lighting, and request impersonations, making this show a standout digital Fringe performance.

Richard's original songs are funny, yet sentimental. From oversharing on social media to navigating life with young kids and the ridiculous situations he's experienced... You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll want to see the show more than once!

The Musical Comedy Jukebox features Richard's original music and covers from other famous comedy music acts. Ticket prices are flexible, and you'll want to see the show more than once. **Sunday October 3rd is a kid-friendly show.**

ABOUT RICHARD

Richard Thornton is an established Melbourne musician, having played trumpet in bands and orchestras since studying at the Victorian College of the Arts. He has toured Australia, NZ and Asia with various ensembles and played everywhere from theatres to churches to studios. He is now building a name as a comedy singer/songwriter, and recently wrote for, and performed in *Society the Show* in Melbourne Fringe 2019. Through COVID-19 Richard has built a global audience of over 2,000 followers on the streaming platform Twitch, with a charity stream having 8,500 viewers.

Richard's single, *There'll Be Days*, focuses on mental health, with all proceeds going to Beyond Blue.

See Richard in action: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJ9UkSW2t58>

Available for interview and to perform

Richard can travel and perform with his digital piano at short notice

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Show times: Thurs 30th Sep 8:30pm Sat 2nd Oct 12:00pm Sun 3rd Oct 3:00pm Fri 8th Oct 8:30pm Sat 9th Oct 8:30pm

Tickets: Flexible (\$5 - \$15)

Bookings: melbournefringe.com.au or call (03) 9660 9666

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