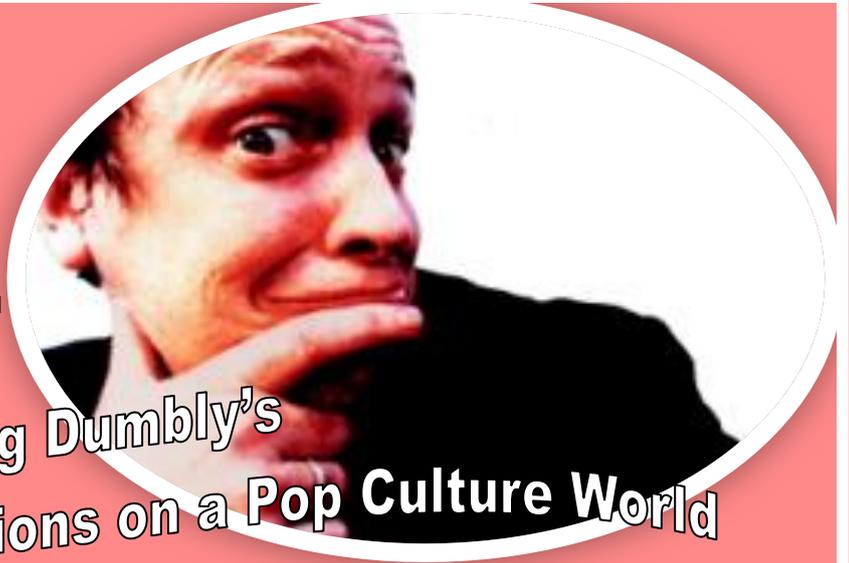


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## **Tug Dumbly's Satirical Observations on a Pop Culture World**

***The Scotsman (Edinburgh Fringe Festival)*** – “Tug Dumbly is a phenomenon. He is a masterful performer and an excellent communicator with a vigour for spoken word that electrifies the room...”

Accused of being a comedian, accused of being a poet, he is both: a caustic comic writer whose jokes rhyme, a brilliantly entertaining satirist who barbecues all manner of sacred cows and undermines popular culture from the inside.

Best known from Triple-J's Breakfast Show, Tug Dumbly is probably Australia's most highly broadcast and recognized performance poet. Tug has gained an avid following of fans, through the many performances of his satirical poems, songs and comic monologues at festivals and theatres both nationally and abroad (including New York, Montreal, London and Edinburgh) and on radio and television.

He has released two acclaimed spoken-word CDs through the ABC and twice won the Banjo Paterson Prize for comic verse, once for his 8000 word epic ode to meat Barbeque Bill and the Roadkill Café. He can currently be heard performing a weekly radio segment on ABC 702 with James Valentine.



*Tug peels back, strips bare and lays waste to jaded preconceptions of what poetry should be. This one-man word-weapon unleashes a dazzling array of subject matter: from the surreal origins of beached thongs, onto the mating habits of Jumbo Jets; from politics and the excesses of consumerism, onto a hilarious look at clichés and the shape-shifting nature of language itself. Tug is a gifted mimic and satirist whose poems and character monologues offer a razor sharp commentary on popular and political culture.*

**Suitable**

**Years 7-12.**

**Duration**

**55 Minutes + 15 minutes question time**

**Cost per Student:**

**\$5.50 (\$5.00 + 0.50c GST)**

**Minimum Per Session:**

**\$660 (\$600 + \$60 GST) If 100 students or less**