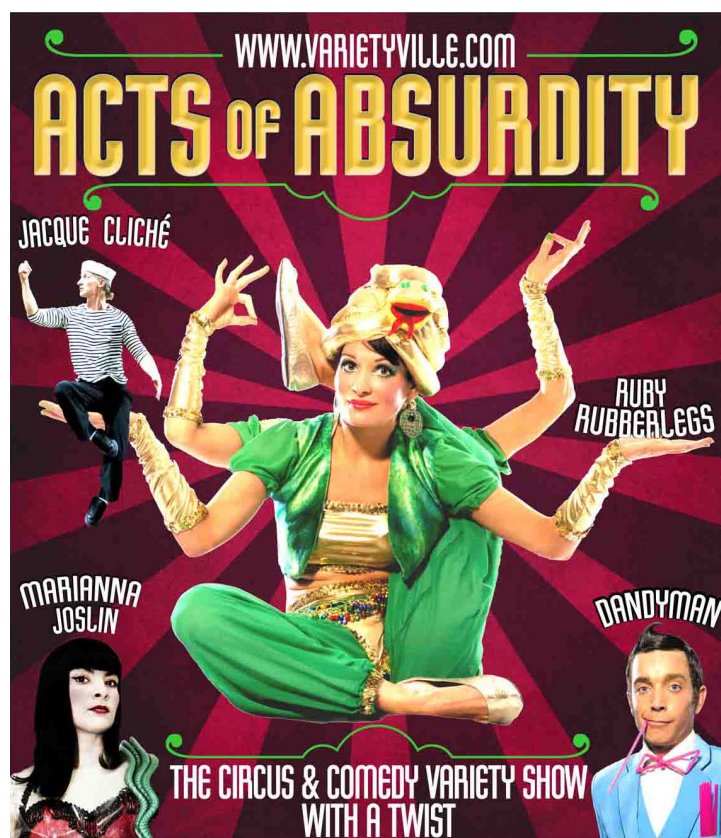


PRESENTER'S INFORMATION

# VARIETYVILLE

**[ACTS OF ABSURDITY]**

By [VARIETYVILLE PRODUCTIONS]



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## **COMPANY PROFILE**

Varietyville Productions have been creating world-class circus/comedy theatre and outdoor spectacle shows for over 10 years touring to over 20 countries. We've recently been interested in creating stronger community bonds with our local Australian marketplace of recent presenting shows in smaller regional centres as well as major cities. Our aim is to create links and build audiences to be able to set up ongoing tours with new shows we create. With a focus on circus and comedy our work is highly accessible and appeals to audiences from all backgrounds.

## **ABOUT THE SHOW**

### SHOW SYNOPSIS

"Acts of Absurdity" is primarily a world-class variety show with four of Australia's finest variety artists presenting circus, physical comedy, magic and dance.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### BIOGRAPHIES

*Daniel Oldaker* has a Diploma in New Circus and trained with most of the worlds great teachers of Physical Comedy. Daniel produces and performs shows all over the world and has won awards and gained nominations recently for his show "Dandyman". Striving to build audiences both home and abroad he's driven by a passion to create tours and link audiences to artists.

*Rani Huszar* the Queen of Quirk, is one of Australia's most loveable circus/variety artists. A comical absurdist who oozes charm as she walks a fine line between being completely ridiculous and presenting mind-blowing skills.

With over 20 years experience performing in more than 32 countries Rani has also presented her contortion acts in various movies and TV shows including, Ghost Rider with Nicholas Cage, Jackie Chan's Police Story 4 : Last Strike, Abc's The Side Show, T'V's Night at the Memo... to name a few.

*Leighton Stephens* is a multi-disciplinary circus artist who has performed in some of the worlds most reputable companies including: Rock and Roll Circus (Australia), Circus Monoxide (Australia), No fit state (Wales), Strut and Fret (Australia), also has taught circus skills at Flipside Circus and toured the European Festival circuit extensively for last 15 years presenting his one man circus and physical comedy chinese pole show.

*Neridah Waters*, Choreographer, Actress, Director and all round absurdist has been creating and appearing theatre productions through-out Australia for over 15 years. Productions include La La Parlour which one awards and toured Europe and Australia extensively. Also composed and performed music for the award winning show "Boy Girl Wall" and performed in "The Escapists", "Lily can't sleep and "Boomtown".

## **PERFORMANCE SPECIFICS**

### DURATION

Act 1 – 50mins

### SUITABLE VENUES

This show is suitable everywhere.

### MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES PER WEEK

5 performances

### MINIMUM BREAK BETWEEN PERFORMANCES

### LICENCING AGREEMENTS

### APRA OBLIGATIONS

Gross Box Office x 1.23% Including GST

### TOURING PERSONNEL

The touring party consists of 5 people.

Name	Role
Daniel Oldaker	Actor
Rani Huszar	Actor
Leighton Stephens	Actor
Neridah waters	Actor
Unconfirmed	Sound/Lighting/Tour manager

### PERFORMANCE HISTORY

Year	Venue	Number of performances
2000	Grainery Lane, Ballarat	3
2001	The Old Bar, Melbourne	20
2001	Bella Union, Melbourne	1
2002	The Old Bar, Melbourne	21
2002	North Melb. Town Hall	1
2003	The Famous Spiegel tent, Adelaide Fringe Festival	21
2003	The Old Bar	18
2004	Peacock Theatre, Hobart	5
2005	Woodford Folk Festival	5
2006	Lentil as Anything, Melbourne	14
2006	Bar 303, Melbourne	10
2007	Lentil As Anything, Melbourne	16
2007	Bar 303, Melbourne	10



2008	Edinburgh Castle, Melbourne	1
2009	Varietyville Club, Nth. Coburg	6
2010	Varietyville Club, Nth. Coburg	5
2011	Varietyville Club, Nth. Coburg	7
2012	National Circus Festival, Tasmania	3
2013	Adventure Bay Hall, Tasmania	1
2014	Regional Tour under different name called The Great Gondos Variety Show: Bena, Mirboo Nth. Wangaratta, Toora, Mallacoota, Lakes Entrance, Wodonga, Ruffy, Orbost, Stawell, Charlton, Marysville, Bright	13
2014	Wonderland, Brisbane Powerhouse	1

## **AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT**

### OVERVIEW

Daniel and the team from Varietyville have a lot of experience in New Circus and have trained with World-Class mentors so can offer anything from a basic circus workshop to an extensive master-class working with the community to create a broader understanding of circus & physical theatre/comedy.

### DESCRIPTION / DETAILS

Basic Circus workshop is 50mins long and provides young an old the chance to learn how to juggle.

The Master-class is for established theatre artists to improve and learn new skills in circus & physical theatre/comedy and lasts for 4 hours.

### COST

Basic Circus workshop - \$10 per person minimum of 10 people

Master-class - \$40 per person minimum of 10 people

### TARGET AUDIENCE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The activities are for people of all ages and varied experience. Basic Circus workshop is for young and old. Master-class for established theatre and circus performers.

## **MARKETING**

### MARKETING COPY

#### *One line*

A thrilling fusion of the most unique & ridiculous variety acts you'll ever see!

#### *Short*

Acts of Absurdity is a thrilling fusion of the most unique, ridiculous and bizarre variety acts you'll ever see!

Acts of Absurdity takes variety to whole new level. Bite sized morsels of masterful magic, chaotic clowning, preposterous physical feats, musical mayhem, hilarious hi-jinks and much, much more!

*Extended*

Acts of Absurdity is a thrilling fusion of the most unique, ridiculous and bizarre variety acts you'll ever see!

The brainchild of Daniel Oldaker (Dandyman), Acts of Absurdity brings together the worlds most inimitable acts including: international circus variety star Rani Huszar (aka Ruby Rubberlegs, FOXTELL'S Live at the MEMO & The Sideshow, La Clique) and Leighton Stephens (European Festival favorite), and pocked sized hurricane Neridah Waters (La La Parlour, Boy Girl Wall, Lily Can't sleep).

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*"funny, entertaining and definitely absurd"* **The Age**

*"wonderfully weird and hilarious. Acts of Absurdity is not to be missed!"*  
**Herald Sun**

*"Acts of Absurdity is a variety show with everything"* **The Mercury**

Internationally renowned physical comedian and underground cult hit Dandyman, and his eclectic troupe of circus cohorts have thrilled audiences from the Edinburgh Fringe Festival to the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and everywhere in between for over 13 years. With hundreds of acts appearing in their program, Acts of Absurdity has performed in bars, on the street, in shop fronts, concert halls and theatres all around the globe, and they are on their way to YOU!

MARKETING SUMMARY

A banner and publicity coverage throughout the town or city is very important and good newspaper coverage always helps, also facebook and our mailing list gets the word out along with the presenters email list.

MEDIA QUOTES

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AUDIENCE REVIEWS

COLLEAGUE RECOMMENDATIONS

VIDEO LINKS

<http://www.varietyville.com/theatre-shows/acts-of-absurdity.html>. *Yes there broadcast quality footage available and the footage is on the link above will be updated from our recent show at the Brisbane Powerhouse.*

IMAGES

WWW.VARIETYVILLE.COM

# ACTS OF ABSURDITY

JACQUE CLICHÉ

RUBY RUBBERLEGS

MARIANNA JOSLIN

DANDYMAN

THE CIRCUS & COMEDY VARIETY SHOW WITH A TWIST

**FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER @ 10:30PM**  
**WONDERLAND @ BRISBANE POWERHOUSE**  
 TICKETS: [WWW.BRISBANEPOWERHOUSE.ORG](http://WWW.BRISBANEPOWERHOUSE.ORG)

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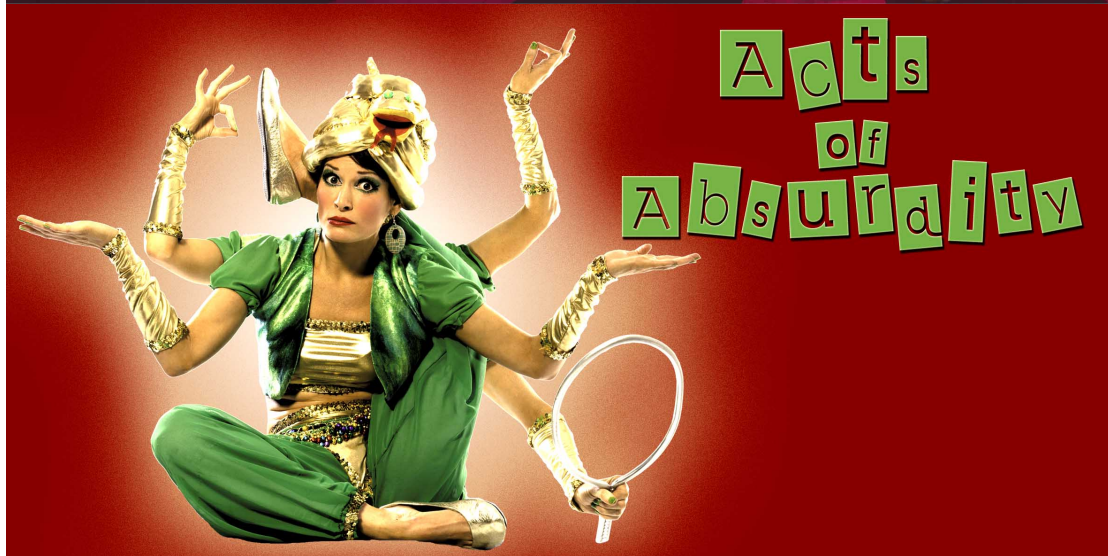
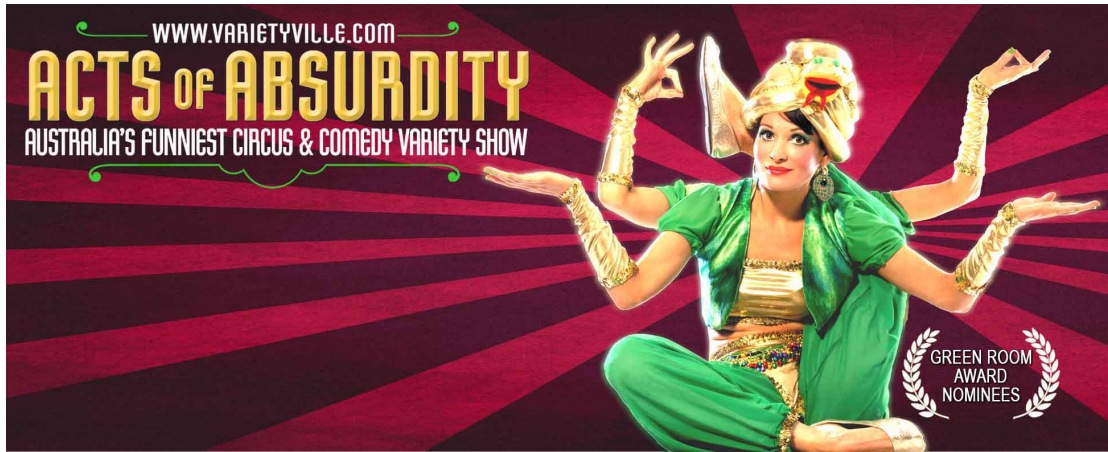












MARKETING MATERIALS

**PRODUCTION DETAILS**

TECHNICAL SUMMARY

*Basic set-up with basic set.*

#### EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

*Bump in at least 3 hours before show time.*

#### CREW REQUIRED FROM VENUE

*No not needed, will supply own tech.*

#### STAGE

*Minimum 3 meters wide by two meters deep.*

*[Varietyville] to supply*

*Stage set.*

*Venue to supply*

#### LIGHTING

*Basic warm and cold wash with one special centre stage.*

*[Varietyville] to supply*

*Varietyville can supply lighting for various venues if need be.*

*Venue to supply*

*Basic lighting rig*

#### SOUND

*Basic souns cue operated by our own sound person.*

*[Varietyville] to supply*

*Can supply PA if needed.*

*Venue to supply*

*Do need a PA but can also provide PA depending on venue.*

#### WARDROBE

*[Varietyville] to supply*

*Costume*

*Venue to supply*

*Dressing room with Iron*

#### FREIGHT NOTES

*Everything in a suitcase.*

#### CRITICAL ISSUES

*If the venue can black-out that would be great. Also a raked stage or sight lines to be able to see my whole body works well too.*



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