



BERTY CADILHAC

VOULEZ-VOUS LAUGH AVEC MOI?

French funnyman Bert Cadilhac moved to Australia in 2004 and hasn't looked back. Having worked on art installations, photography, short film and more, he soon decided comedy was for him. "I took visual arts seriously, but would not take myself too seriously," he says on the career change. "I always had a humorous approach to work, doing artistic installation under the sea for the fish, in empty swimming pools, or shaving in the street.

"My favourite artist is Maurizio Cattelan who has an absurd and comedic angle. It's all about perceiving life under a specific angle and trying to share this vision," he says.

Cadilhac describes his comedic style as storytelling: "I like to take people on a journey to an absurd and poetic world. I have a polished and inoffensive style, no crass jokes and vulgarities. I use my Frenchness because I can't escape my accent, but I stay away from the obvious French stereotype."

Describing his new comedy show *Voulez-Vous Laugh Avec Moi?*, he says it's "the story of a crazy Frenchman who travels to Australia wearing a sea urchin costume, and encounters many obstacles and adventures. It's all based on true lies," he quips, the biggest one being that "I claim that my rabbit was killed by a meteorite, when in reality he survived the incident with a broken ear. Please send me money to buy an artificial ear."

Being Cadilhac's debut Melbourne International Comedy Festival show, he says his main expectation is to make people laugh out loud and hopefully attract a sizeable crowd. "In French, for 'the more the merrier' we say 'plus on est de fous, plus on rit', which literally translates to 'the more crazy people around us, the more we laugh'.

"So if you're crazy, come and laugh with me. Sane people are welcome too."

Bar Open, March 24 - April 18 (not Mondays, not Tuesdays) at 7pm.