



## **AUSTRALIAN TOUR 2012**

## Returning after his sold out tour in 2009!

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His television specials and series have been the highest rated programming in **Comedy Central** history, his DVD sales have reached seven million units, his videos have received a half a billion views on You Tube, and his live concerts have become mega-events played in front of sold-out arenas worldwide.

No wonder **Time Magazine** wrote that he is "the most popular comedian in the United States" and **Forbes** named him to its Celebrity 100 list of most powerful entertainers three years running.

Today, **JEFF DUNHAM** is a phenomenally successful global entertainment brand and he is returning for his second Australian tour bringing all his co stars with him! He last toured in November 2009 where all shows were a total sell out – even the standing room only tickets!!

Dunham has, of course, plenty of help on-stage: his entourage of signature characters who are there to challenge and chastise his every sentence. There's **Walter** the grumpy retiree, the beer-swilling, NASCAR-loving and resolutely red neck **Bubba J**, the furry and manic **Peanut**, **José Jalapeño** the spicy pepper from South of the border, the bumbling skeletal **Achmed the Dead Terrorist**, the almost as dead long-lost son of **Achmed**, **AJ**; and Peanut's own ventriloquist dummy: **Little Jeff**. They may have all been conceived and hand crafted by Dunham, but his characters,

who are anything but dummies, have now taken on a life of their own, each with their own legion of fans.

Dunham's fascination with ventriloquism began at age eight. It was his parents who gave their son a toy **Mortimer Snerd** dummy and an accompanying instructional record album. By the time he was ten, Jeff was performing anywhere he could find an audience. After graduating from Baylor University, he moved to Los Angeles and soon became a sensation on the national comedy club circuit. Multiple performances on just about every stand-up comedy show known to man followed, as well as frequent guest appearances on **The Tonight Show** and **Late Night with David Letterman**.

In 2006, Jeff's self-produced **Arguing With Myself**, his first one-hour prime time special, premiered on Comedy Central. Almost immediately, fans were posting clips across the Web, views rocketed into the tens of millions, and Jeff Dunham became a comedy phenomenon, reviving a lost art with new levels of comedy and a contemporary voice.

In 2007, Dunham produced *Spark of Insanity*, his second Comedy Central special, again premiered to record ratings and million plus DVD sales. In 2008, his third television event, *A Very Special Christmas Special* aired with 6.6 million viewers to become the cable channel's most-watched program ever.

Jeff's most recent stand-up special, *Controlled Chaos*, made an unprecedented multi-territory broadcast and DVD release in a dozen countries upon its U.S. debut on Comedy Central late 2011. 5.5 million people tuned in to watch the special.

Today, Dunham's global appeal is undeniable. He was named top-grossing live comedy act in the world in 2009 and 2010 by Pollstar, the concert industry trade magazine. There is universal appeal to Dunham's relationship with his characters that transcends any small gaps in language translation.

Dunham has also made many cameo appearances across television and film, from the Emmywinning comedy series "30 Rock," to the Jay Roach-directed comedy "Dinner For Schmucks," starring Steve Carrell and Paul Rudd.

He maintains a highly interactive relationship with his fans via JeffDunham.com and many social networking platforms, including over 6.5 million fans on Facebook. His content partnerships include YouTube (where his Achmed clip is in the top five videos of all time designated as a favorite), Amazon.com, and iTunes.

As an entertainer, Jeff Dunham has truly impacted popular culture, and his character catchphrases, such as Achmed's "Silence! I Keel You!" and José Jalapeño's "On A Steek!", are now part of our vernacular, much to the delight of multi-generational audiences worldwide.

Don't miss out this time – book early – tickets go on sale Wednesday May 30

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