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IVAN ARISTEGUIETA HAS REACHED *THE FOURTH FLOOR* TOURING AUSTRALIA FEBRUARY-MAY 2019



'Congratulations – you made it to the Fourth Floor'.

This is how Venezuelans wish each other happy birthday when they turn 40. Now that Ivan is celebrating that milestone, he wants to share the floor with everyone in his new Australian home, in the best way he knows how, by kicking off a six-city national festival tour in 2019.

“Every year I write a show about the subject I’ve been dwelling on the most,” says Ivan. “I can’t deny that turning 40 is my main concern. I’ve heard that people in Okinawa live to be 100-years-old. I think we should all go to Okinawa and seek their advice. Also, if you’re turning 40, you should know where Okinawa is because I know you loved *The Karate Kid* movies.”

A brew master, food technologist and comedian back in Venezuela, Ivan Aristeguieta emigrated to Australia in 2012 and quickly found his feet in the Australian comedy scene, drawn to the Aussie ‘piss-take’ comedy style. From his own ABC sitcom *Lost in Pronunciation* to his debut *Chorizo Sizzle*, he endeared audiences with his brilliant observations of Australian culture and food.

Ivan has appeared on *Have You Been Paying Attention?*, *ABC Comedy Up Late*, *Just For Laughs TV Gala* and *Melbourne International Comedy Festival TV Gala* to name a few. His 2018 tour *Matador* saw him selling out festivals and his most recent 2018 World Tour has kicked things up to another level, heading up to *The Fourth Floor!*

For Ivan, *The Fourth Floor* is about four decades of life. “Call it a mid-life crisis or a mid-life celebration,” he says. “Four decades of a man who has done too much, or too little depending on how you see it.” He observes, “In Venezuela life was hard, but decisions were easy. In Australia, life is easy, but decisions are hard.” He thought Third World problems were bad, but now he has First World problems – which rubbish bin goes out this week or how do you pronounce ‘Woolloomooloo’.

One of the things Ivan looks forward to the most each year is the comedy festival season to catch-up with his fans. “Every festival season is different,” he says. “I love to experience and witness the evolution in my comedy. Loyal audience members that come to my shows every year are already like family. They know what I’ve been through over the years. Last year lots of people told me after the show that they were happy for me that I’ve moved on from my divorce. Some people told me I’ve lost weight and that I should eat more. I’ve got family all over Australia. It’s beautiful.”

Join Ivan for his mid-life crisis celebration as he steps out of the lift and on to *The Fourth Floor!* Going up?

Tickets for Ivan Aristeguieta’s Comedy Festival run of *The Fourth Floor* are on sale now. For more information, please visit www.ivanaristeguieta.com.au

NATIONAL TOUR DATES

Friday 15th February – Sunday 17th March 2019 | 8.15pm [No Mondays]

The Garden Of Unearthly Delights, ADELAIDE SA

Adelaide Fringe

www.adelaidefringe.com.au

Monday 18th March 2019 | 7pm

Courtyard Studio, Canberra Theatre Centre, CANBERRA ACT

Canberra Comedy Festival

www.canberracomedyfestival.com.au

Tuesday 19th March – Sunday 24th March 2019 | 7pm [6pm Sunday]

Brisbane Powerhouse, BRISBANE QLD

Brisbane Comedy Festival

www.brisbanecomedyfestival.com

Thursday 28th March – Sunday 21st April 2019 | 8pm [7pm Sundays, No Mondays]

The Athenaeum, MELBOURNE VIC

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

www.ticketek.com.au | www.comedyfestival.com.au

Thursday 2nd May – Friday 3rd May 2019 | 7.30pm

Saturday 4th May – Sunday 5th May 2019 | 7pm

The Factory Theatre, SYDNEY NSW

Sydney Comedy Festival

www.ticketek.com.au | www.sydneycomedyfest.com.au

Friday 10th May 2019 | 9pm

Astor Theatre, PERTH WA

Perth Comedy Festival

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