

SAMMY J & RANDY LAND: THE EMBEZZLEMENT

* **COMEDY** *

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SAMMY J & RANDY ARE HIGH ON FAME — THEY'RE FRESH FROM A HIT ABC TV SHOW AND HAVE BORROWED THREE MILLION DOLLARS AND OPENED A THEME PARK. WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?

PLEASE NOTE the petting zoo at Sammy J & Randy Land is closed due to quarantine restrictions, and the fortune teller is under police investigation. Management will not be held liable for injury or death.

Where'd you borrow the \$3 million from?

R: We borrowed it from the Commonwealth Bank.

SJ: Well, it's probably a bit misleading to say 'borrowed'.

R: Yeah, 'Embezzled' is probably more accurate.

SJ: Let's just say the only interest they'll be receiving from us is our keen 'interest' in their fraud detection department.

R: Which, based on our recent experience, is fairly ineffective.

SJ: May you pass me some more caviar?

When will the theme park open and what's the main attraction?

SJ: Scheduled to open any day now.

We're just putting the finishing touches on our opening sound and light spectacular.

R: I'm going to be doing a tight-rope walk across a pool of piranhas.

SJ: And I'm going to ride a unicycle wearing a Captain Planet costume.

R: Although I should point out, Sammy J does that every Saturday morning, and it's completely unrelated to the opening of our theme park.

Sammy J, you've got some background with the law — how long did you study it before you found your true calling as a performer?

SJ: About 23 minutes, from memory.

R: But didn't you spend 20 of those minutes scuffling with the professor?

SJ: Yeah, But I was still technically in the lecture theatre during the scuffle, so I include it as part of my total study minutes.

R: Remind me, what caused the scuffle?

SJ: She looked at me funny.

Randy, how do you keep a clean complexion? You're always glowing.

R: I'm radioactive.

SJ: Really? You never told me that.

R: You never asked.

SJ: Is it contagious?

R: Massively.

SJ: How did it happen?

R: I ate some chemical waste when I



was seven.

SJ: And you're still alive?

R: Every day is a gift.

Do you visit Ricketts Lane much these days?

SJ: We went there a few weeks ago and threw rocks through the window.

R: It was like that scene from Forrest Gump.

SJ: Oh, when Jenny returns to her father's house?

R: No, when he touches her boobs and spoofs in his pants.

And lastly, what can we expect from an evening at Sammy J & Randy Land?

SJ: The most amazing night of your life.

R: No refunds.

SAMMY J & RANDY PERFORM THE GARDEN OF UNEARTHLY DELIGHTS 12 FEBRUARY — 13 MARCH.

VIVA HANS VEGAS: GLAMOUR, MEET TRASHINESS

* **CABARET** *

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SELF-PROCLAIMED SEX SYMBOL AND INTERNATIONAL SUPERSTAR HANS IS A BERLIN-BORN ACCORDIONIST AND CABARET CROWD PLEASER WHO'LL BRING "A BIT OF CLASS, AND A BIT OF TRASH" TO THE ADELAIDE FRINGE.

HAVING STARRED in his own productions 'Hans: In Da House', and 'Hans: Like A German', 'Viva Hans Vegas' will be show his love of America's sin city. Despite this being his first show to directly reference Vegas in the title, Hans believes the city has always been an influence. "I think there's always been a Vegas element in my shows. Very glamorous meets trashy. It's Vegas all over and definitely me all over. I think it's always been lurking. Waiting to spring its head up. I'm not resisting anymore. I'm letting it take over."

The 2016 Adelaide Fringe Festival is the ninth time Hans has performed, and he believes he has cemented himself an annual gig. "It's safe to say I'm rusted in. They're never going to get rid of me now. I'll be popping up yearly like a rash."

Tongue-in-cheek is the name of the game when it comes to this German cabaret star, and this is the sentiment

he portrays when speaking about his backing band, The Ungrateful Bastards, and dancers the Lucky Bitches. "At the end of the year they'll ask me what I did this year to help others and I'll say I gave these people a gig. They'll look at me like Mother Theresa, because frankly it's the biggest community service you can do. They're very fortunate to be sharing the stage with me. I did get a letter from Peter Dutton, saying he wanted to rename the dancers The Mad Fucking Witches, but I wasn't sure."

His band, dancers, and larger than life persona have been a staple of the Adelaide comedy and cabaret scene for the past decade. "The Adelaide comedy scene is thriving. The cabaret scene as well, with the Adelaide Cabaret Festival and the Cabaret Fringe. During Fringe time is the best time to be here. It's like a mini-Las Vegas. You can do whatever you want at any hour of the night, and then it goes back to sleepy time. I like having a little sample of Vegas and then rest." Hans even has a world record under his belt, having played Madonna hits for 29.5 hours on an accordion, although he's unsure if it still stands. "I believe it has already been broken in Sweden. Maybe it's something I should bring back up next year. Maybe I



should play the accordion for the entire Fringe — 30 days instead of 30 hours." Everyone from Elton and Bette, to Cirque du Soleil and Celine will get the headfirst Hans treatment in this sparkly, hilarious satire of all things Vegas, complete with dazzling costumes, showgirl moves and his trademark

sequined hot pants. "Show girls, show boys, booze, gambling. I'll put it this way, it will be Dick Xenophon's least favourite show in the Adelaide fringe, but Jamie Briggs is going to love it." **'VIVA HANS VEGAS' PERFORMS THE GARDEN OF UNEARTHLY DELIGHTS 16 FEBRUARY, 10 & 12 MARCH.**