

# Tim Batt

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The multi-talented Tim Batt lives and breathes media. Candid, vibrant and extremely funny, he most recently hit the headlines for purchasing the domain name for Destiny Church's political party before the church itself did – and redirecting visitors to a promotion for his TV show, *The Male Gayz* on YouTube. Boasting skills as a stand-up comedian, MC, producer, writer, podcaster, AND entrepreneurial network owner, unsurprisingly Tim has creativity and work ethic in spades. Finding his feet in commercial radio back in 2009, Tim cut his teeth working alongside radio legend Kevin Black at Solid Gold FM (since rebranded to The Sound). He spent the next few years refining his valuable skillset, developing his ability as both a producer and on-air talent. From live shifts at X105 Wellington, to hosting and producing gigs at Radio Hauraki, Tim soon became a seasoned professional. His outspoken, candid and vibrant personality – coupled with his quick wit - naturally lends itself well to comedy, television and MC work as well. Having written and performed live stand-up comedy in New Zealand, Australia and America, Tim has appeared on notable comedy shows over the last 10 years - including Jono and Ben, *Funny Girls*, *7 Days*, *The Late Night Big Breakfast* and more. Television has proved to be a cornerstone of Tim's career, earning him a role at the reigns of his very own live chat show, *Banter*, on TVNZ's *Duke*. Informative and hilarious, *Banter* navigated the political landscape in the build-up to the 2016 election. From there he found himself producing a web series for Comedy Central, *No Experience Necessary*, before executively producing TVNZ's web series project *New Blood*. This lead into a role producing and co-writing TVNZ's *The Fucket List*, and most recently acting as the showrunner for the acclaimed web series *The Male Gayz*. His natural aptitude for words and spinning a great yarn makes Tim a fabulous and highly entertaining MC. Presiding over the Master of Ceremonies role for many events, notably – NZ's first UFC fight night, the Halo 4 release (NZ's biggest ever), and the ProCare Quality Awards 2018 (attended by an audience of over



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400 doctors, nurses, support staff and DHB executives). Tim's extensive media experience gives him a rare ability to wear many hats - understanding audiences, as well as the overall production process. This put him in a competitive position to develop new content perfectly suited for podcasting platforms. The popularity of podcasts has grown significantly in recent years - a trend Tim has ensured he is at the forefront of. Tim makes up one half of the highly popular comedy podcast The Worst Idea of All Time - which now boasts over 15 million downloads. This success gave rise to his own network, Little Empire Podcast Network, which now hosts podcasts from some of New Zealand's best media movers and shakers. Not one to rest on his laurels, Tim spends his spare time working alongside charitable organisations that he feels passionate about - including YouthLine, Discovery for Teens, NZ Comedy Guild and the NZ Comedy Trust. Tim has received various accolades and honours over the years in recognition of his hard work. These include:

- Grand National Champion - V48Hours Film Competition (2011)
- Best Newcomer - New Zealand International Comedy Festival (2013)
- Billy T Nominee - New Zealand International Comedy Festival (2014)
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- Outstanding Achievement Winner - NZ Comedy Guild Awards (2015)
- Best Podcast Winner - NZ Comedy Guild Awards (2016)
- Finalist - LA Laugh Factory's Funniest Person In The World Competition (2016)
- Overall Winner - 1Cover Travel Comedy Video Competition (2018)
- Best Producer - New Zealand Comedy Guild Awards 2020
- Best Online Production (for 'Happening') - New Zealand Comedy Guild Awards 2020

#### TESTIMONIALS

Not only are you an incredibly talented and professional MC - from briefings through to execution, you added so much value to our day through your distillation of our key messages, and the enthusiastic and positive translation of what we are trying to achieve. You added an essential dimension to the day and can't

thank you enough for your amazing words. How you got into all of our heads to understand us so well, in such a short amount of time is a such a credit to you. You were a great fit and I'm afraid you now are part of the fam! I look forward to having the chance to work with you again" -

Jennifer, Barbershop NZ

Tim went down very well with our audience. Our younger audience members were very familiar with Tim, and for them, his presence was an added attraction in itself. Tim had obviously done his homework on our speakers' credentials, who found him very engaging. The message of the evening was a serious one, we needed to present the subject matter in a palatable and compelling way. Tim used well-measured humour and was able to set a light tone that complemented the speakers approach to the serious subject of climate change.

Tonya Jones, MAS