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**Michael Connell: stand-up comedian and juggler extraordinaire is sharing his BIG IDEAS with audiences from Alice Springs to Darwin in his new show FUNdaMENTAL!**

Learning how to juggle and nail that trick move comes naturally to Michael Connell who began his career performing in youth circuses. In his 20s he gave up his “hobby” of juggling and ventured into stand-up comedy.

“One evening at the end of a comedy routine I started to juggle for a bit of fun. The audience loved it. I had never thought about melding juggling and jokes, but somehow this juxtaposition seemed to work” said comedian Michael Connell.

It takes real talent to juggle and tell jokes at the same time without dropping the ball! Connell’s comedy routines are thought-provoking; he is not averse to dissecting ancient Greek philosophy whilst wondering if Cryptocurrency really exists.

Learning how to juggle again is not the first time that Connell has learnt how to be a beginner again. He loves sharing his trials and tribulations on the stage, such as when he performed ‘No hablo bebe’ at the Adelaide Fringe Festival.

“I decided I wanted to teach my daughter a second language. There was one massive hurdle – I am not bi-lingual! I wanted to pick a language where I wouldn’t need to learn a new alphabet, so, I decided on Spanish ... plus it’s the fastest growing language online” said Connell.

FUNdaMENTAL is a new show and what audiences are to expect is a bit of a secret. Connell’s not giving anything away.

“Michael is definitely not your standard comedian, he draws upon his own life experiences in a quirky and entertaining manner. As we race towards the end of the year, we are really pleased to be touring FUNdaMENTAL. We want people to take a break and have some laughs” said Shay Vigona-Goudge, Chief Executive Officer, Artback NT.

**This is stand-up comedy like you’ve never seen it before!**

**IMPRESSIVE juggling.  
HILARIOUS comedy.  
Rated PG.**





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*Michael Connell is available for interview upon request.*

### **FUNdaMENTAL ITINERARY**

Epilogue Lounge | Alice Springs | 7.30pm | Wednesday 10 November  
Top of Town Café | Tennant Creek | 6pm & 8pm | Friday 12 November  
Godinymayin | Katherine | 7pm | Sunday 14 November  
Brown's Mart Theatre | Darwin | 7pm | Wednesday 17 November  
Gove Arts Theatre | Nhulunbuy | 7pm | Saturday 20 November

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