PERFORMANCE POET

RAYMOND J. BARTHOLOMEUZ

THE PERFORMER AND THE CHARACTER

Brian Nankervis created the character of **Raymond J. Bartholomeuz** in 1985. Raymond first stormed the set of **"Hey Hey, It's Saturday"** in 1986, winning Red Faces with a poem called **"Days by the Ocean"…**

I am an island, I am an isthmus
I come from Bermuda, I don't believe in Christmas

…he has since continued to perform his verse on TV ***(Hey Hey, Bookchat, Bert Newton)***, radio ***(ABC, 3RRR, Fox)***, with bands ***(TISM, Southern Sons)***, in theatres, comedy venues and schools

Raymond has published a book of poems – ***"Too many Crayfish Not Enough Brains"*** (McPhee Cribble, Penguin) and, in 1995, a CD with seven year old Matt Healey – ***"A Wet Bird Never Flies At Night"***

His poems are hilarious, passionate, satirical and sometimes unexpectedly poignant. He writes about lost love, new love, broken hearts and spas. Politics, sport, religion and the baths. Lady Di, Bart Simpson, school bullies and Uncle Eric the dentist from hell

Brian Nankervis (the alter ego of **Raymond J**), was a primary school teacher for six years until a curriculum sub committee got the better of him. He has been an actor/ writer in TV shows including ***Let the Blood Run Free*** (Ch 10), ***Boys and Balls*** (ABC) and ***Jimeoin*** (Ch 7)

THE PERFORMANCE

A 50 minute presentation from Raymond comprises a poetry performance tailored to suit the interests and ages of the students, information and anecdotes about a wide range of professional media experiences (utilising video highlights if appropriate), a group poetry writing exercise and a question & answer session.

*"truly a masterly exhibition by a master exhibitionist, I expect the VCE course will soon include **The Girl with the Gippsland Eyes**."*
Lawrence McNamara, Beat Magazine

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Cost: $6.00 + GST per student Minimum Audience: 120 Students
Suitability: Prep – Year 12
Requirements: CD player, Microphone if necessary.

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Feedback for Raymond J Bartholemeuz

I have never heard staff laugh so much, and the kids asked if he could come back every day!
Melton Specialist School

Hilarious! Warm and friendly, very funny. He captivated the children, We had a great day.
St Clare's PS, Thomastown

The children were enthralled and engaged throughout the entire session. Raymond had them eating out of his hand from the moment he began. The teachers were just as captivated, with children creating some fantastic poetry after the session Laburnum PS

Students were totally engrossed. They loved it. Teachers loved it even more. Everyone is geared up to put poetry into their work programs. Coolaroo South PS

Raymond J was one of the funniest guest speakers we have ever had. He was so entertaining. The students were captivated and enthralled by his performance. He was a real hit. Our Lady's PS, Sunshine

Fantastic - loved his humor, personality and poems. Mount Waverley North PS

We had a great day with Raymond J. The children and teachers were all so positive about the day, The children wrote some great poems and want me to get Brian back next year. Parents have also commented how much the children enjoyed the day.
St Gerards School, Dandenong North

The children thought he was ace, cool and funny and said great poems. They learnt that creating poems was easy and lots of fun. We thought he was brilliant.
Our Lady of Good Counsel PS

The students loved the performance. Padua Secondary College, Mornington

Brian is a favorite with both students and teachers. He involves his audience and is very very funny. Brian is a brilliant presenter and will be invited back to our school.
St Albans Secondary College

Regarding Brian Nankervis - I can't speak highly enough of him. He was absolutely gorgeous! The students and the staff were just stunned by is energy and enthusiasm. Without doubt is was a memorable General Assembly. Oberon High School

Brian had all the students and teachers in fits of laughter… He showed us that practically anything could be made into comedy and poetry… By the end of the day he had turned us from a bunch of Year 7's skeptical of the entertainment value of poetry to a group of much entertained fans. Student at Koonung Secondary College