

Australian wins UK comedy award

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A former psychology student from Australia has won a major UK stand-up comedy award for emerging new talent.

Nick Sun outshone eight other acts to scoop the STG2,000 (\$A5,100) prize in the grand final of the Edinburgh Fringe's longest-running stand-up competition for newcomers, *So You Think You're Funny?*

The budding comic from Sydney had qualified for the competition's regional heats by winning the Raw Comedy prize in Melbourne earlier this year.

Last night's winning routine of laconic observation at the Gilded Balloon venue also secured Sun a spot at Montreal's Just for Laughs comedy festival next July.

The 22-year-old, who started doing stand-up last year after quitting university, described winning the prize as "surreal" and said he felt "kind of spaced out".

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