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TIME OUT SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL AWARDS 2009

The much-anticipated **TIME OUT SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL AWARDS 2009** was held last night at The Argyle in The Rocks. It is the second year the prestigious comedy awards have taken place and was open to all comedians appearing at the 2009 Sydney Comedy Festival.

The winners of the night were:

Best of the Fest Award

THE PAJAMA MEN

Best newcomer

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Best local

JULIA MORRIS

Best international

JEREMY HOTZ

The Jury Prize

THE PARADOXICAL ADVENTURES OF
LAWRENCE LEUNG AND ANDREW McCLELLAND

People's Choice Award

THE AL PITCHER PICTURE SHOW

Local stand-up **DAVE BLOUSTIEN** warmed up the 600-strong crowd comprised of the Sydney comedy fraternity and Time Out readers who voted in the awards. He then handed over to **JULIAN MORROW** of **THE CHASER** who hosted the ceremony.

There were live performances from People's Choice Award winner **AL PITCHER** who presented the Best of the Al Pitcher Picture Show, and from US beatboxing improviser **REGGIE WATTS** who rounded out the show with a song he'd composed especially for Time Out. "This song has been rejected by Time Out New York so I thought it would be perfect for Time Out Sydney," he joked.

The event was attended by a who's who of the Sydney comedy scene including JULIA MORRIS, LAWRENCE LEUNG, ANDREW McCLELLAND, JACKIE LOEB, CHRIS RADBURN, AMELIA JANE HUNTER, FELICITY WARD, MICHAEL BROWN of the Comedy Store, DARREN SANDERS of the Laugh Garage, KATHRYN BENDALL of the Roxbury Hotel – and JORGE MENIDIS, director of Sydney Comedy Festival.

International comedians DEANNE SMITH (last year's Best Newcomer), REGINALD D HUNTER and STEVE HUGHES were also in attendance.

For more details on the Time Out Comedy Awards and the Sydney Comedy Festival, go to:

<http://www.timeoutsydney.com.au/comedy/sydneycomedyfestival/time-out-sydney-comedy-awards-2009.aspx>

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TOS Comedy Festival Awards

The Jury, chaired by the main man behind the Sydney's Comedy Festival Jorge Menidis, is made up of key figures from the comedy community, including Sydney Comedy Festival's Michael Brown; Time Out editor Dan Rookwood; and Andrew P. Street, the Comedy and Music Editor of Time Out.

Last year's winners included Mark Watson for Best International act, and DeAnne Smith was awarded with the Best Newcomer Award. For further details on Time Out Comedy Awards 2008, please log on to <http://www.timeoutsydney.com.au/comedy/cracker/cracker-comedy-festival-awards.aspx>

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