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Simon says: laugh while you learn mathematics

Simon Pampena, Australia's leading maths communicator and motivator, is performing in Hobart today.

Simon, aka "The Maths Man", is the National Numeracy Ambassador. In that capacity he is returning to Hobart to take part in National Science Week 2011.

He is a passionate mathematician whose work inspires students and adults alike through combining energetic stand-up comedy with maths.

His audio-visual performances are tailored for maths topics from early primary through to high school. By engaging students with music and energy he motivates curiosity and changes perceptions.

Arriving in Hobart from sell-out seasons at the Melbourne Comedy Festival and the Darwin Arts Festival, Pampena's show has proven to be a unique comedy event combining Aussie sporting prowess with the power of maths.

He is performing *The Maths Olympics*, a show for high-school students, at 10am and 11:30am, as well as his 16+ version, *The Probability Drive*, at 7pm.

All performances will take place at the Stanley Burbury Theatre at the University of Tasmania's Sandy Bay campus and are free events with no bookings required.

Simon says: "Life is just a chaotic series of events without purpose or meaning ... unless you are a mathematician. Then, everything makes sense!"

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