

# Ismo Leikola

Ismo Leikola started his comedy career in 2002 in Finland and achieved overnight success. He made his US debut in 2014 at a competition hosted by the Laugh Factory in Hollywood where he won the title of "The Funniest Person in the World." In 2016 he moved to Los Angeles and performs regularly at the Laugh Factory, the Comedy and Magic Club and the Ice House. He has appeared on NBC's *Last Call with Carson Daly* and headlined the Tropicana Casino in Las Vegas and Silver Legacy Casino in Reno. In 2015 he performed sold out solo-shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and in 2016 at the New Zealand International Comedy Festival.

In Finland, Ismo wrote and starred in his own, self-titled sitcom, *ISMO* (2015-2016), filmed three DVD specials (2008-2016) and has sold-out numerous nationwide concert hall & theatre tours. His next tour of Finland will be in June of 2017.

"The highlight of the night. His observational comedy with a Finnish accent can be blamed for the teary mascara mishaps. He brought the rating of the show up from not just five stars, but to five michelin stars - the cream of the crop."

STUFF ENTERTAINMENT

"Leikola is the Scandinavian Mitch Hedberg; an oddball with a few extra twists."

THE LIST

"An excellent ambassador for stand-up."

THREE WEEKS

"For a man speaking his second language, Ismo Leikola is uncannily incisive, charismatic and entertaining."

THE DUBLINER

"The wonderful Finn Ismo Leikola bringing the house down with his daft "foreigner abroad" shtick. He's got an entertaining off-kilter mind and a gift for comic misunderstanding which probably made him the hit of the night."

CHORTLE

"The most insightful comic in Finland at the moment. Leikola's trademark, being surprising, hasn't diminished over the years. Leikola is a genius in how he sees, hears and understands things in a completely unique way."

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