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## **TAKU MBUDZI'S DEBUT SOLO COMEDY SHOW "SHINE MY LIGHT" ILLUMINATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

Prepare to be enthralled and empowered as Taku Mbudzi, a multifaceted writer, filmmaker, and podcaster, steps onto the comedy stage for her debut solo show, "Shine My Light". This groundbreaking production is set to shine brightly during the week of International Women's Day, from March 6th to March 10th, 2024, at La Mama Theatre in Melbourne.

Taku Mbudzi is no stranger to the world of storytelling and empowerment. With 17 years of experience, she has empowered children to find their voice through her work in schools, libraries, and youth organisations. Her debut film, 'Gugu naGogo,' commissioned by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, is streaming on ABC iView and won an Audience Award at the 2023 New York International Children's Film Festival.

Taku is an accomplished audio storyteller with a portfolio of several podcasts. She's the new host of audio documentary podcast *Earshot* on ABC Radio National, and her recent episode, [An Interloper's Escape](#), documents her journey from a strict Zimbabwean upbringing to stand-up comedy. Her award-winning podcast, *Two Words with Taku*, spotlights her writing, TV-making and comedy adventures.

Beyond screen and audio platforms, Taku's stories have earned her recognition on stage as a two-time State Finalist in the RAW Stand-up Comedy Competition at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, in both Western Australia (2015) and Victoria (2023).

She is also an active participant in The Moth StorySLAM live events in Melbourne, based on New York's global storytelling sensation, The Moth Radio Hour podcast. In July, she performed at The National Theatre in St Kilda as a 2023 Finalist in The Moth's Melbourne GrandSLAM Storytelling Championship.

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# SHINE MY LIGHT BY TAKU MBUDZI

SEASON DATES: MARCH 6 – 10, 2024

“Shine My Light” promises to be a remarkable debut, where Taku’s unique perspective, humour, and storytelling prowess will captivate and empower audiences of all backgrounds. This comedy show is a celebration of womanhood, entrepreneurship, and societal norms, delivering humour and thought-provoking insights in equal measure.

**Produced and performed by** Taku Mbudzi

**Production Consultant:** Janet McLeod

**Image by** Catherine Black

## Performance Times

Wed 6.30pm | Thurs, Fri, Sat 7.30pm | Sun 4pm  
at La Mama HQ, 205 Faraday St, Carlton

**Bookings:** <https://lamama.com.au/whats-on/summer-2024/shine-my-light/>

**Phone:** 03 9347 6948

**For all the up-to-date details** check La Mama’s [website](#)

Don’t miss this chance to witness the rebirth of Taku Mbudzi’s comedy journey in “Shine My Light.”

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