

MEDIA RELEASE



THE UMBILICAL BROTHERS 'THE DISTRACTION'

Do you love staring at screens? Are you staring at a screen right now? You should get out more. Specifically to a show that has an enormous screen smack-bang in the middle of it.

The Umbilicals take the energy of live performance and the spectacle of cinema and smashes them together into a new show performed simultaneously on stage and on the big screen. Its like nothing you've ever seen, and nothing they've ever done, and it will blow your mind way more literally than you are expecting. **The Distraction:** enabling your screen addiction.

The Umbilical Brothers are an international comedy phenomenon. Their unique mix of mind-bending comedy and back-breaking physicality has taken the world's favourite Australian comedy duo to 40 countries – from stadiums supporting **Robin Williams** to stadiums supporting **N*Sync**.

Named as two of Entertainment Weekly's 100 Most Creative People in Entertainment, they have appeared on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, after James Brown at Woodstock '99, and before the Queen of England. Their global gigs have included a year long off-Broadway run where they received raves from *The New York Times* and a New York Drama Desk nomination. Awards include a Helpmann for Comedy Performance of the year, The Edinburgh Critic's Choice Award and a couple of BAFTA's. Younger fans and stoners know them from *The Upside Down Show*, which they created with Sesame Workshop and won them an Emmy and a Logie.

They haven't just broken down the rules of theatre; they've invented a new theatrical multiverse. Unbelievable human performances meets special-effects wizardry. It feels so much like magic, you'll want to burn them at the stake.

"unlike any comedy show I've ever seen. It's brilliant, clever and very, very funny. ★★★★★"

- **Broadway World**

"One word - BRILLIANT! ...[The Umbilical Brothers](#) have taken entertainment to another level.."

"The show that's so amazing, you may lose your head...10/10!"

- **Weekend Notes**

"The Umbilical Brothers demonstrate that they are not only wizards of the stand-up comedy art form but also of special effects technology."

- **Stage Whispers**

★★★★★ - Theatre People

★★★★★ - The Advertiser ★★★★★ - Broadway World