

## Brilliant budget buys



No need to starve yourself or live off two minute noodles just so you can afford to stock your wardrobe with stylish and 'individual' outfits. Instead, re-think where and how you shop by taking the Brotherhood's op shop challenge.

Gone are the days of stuffy op-shops that ponged of mothballs and mould. Now we have colourful, modern, even department-sized stores, filled with treasures still at traditional op-shop prices. Especially at Brotherhood of St Laurence stores.

You are guaranteed to find clothing such as jeans and pants for \$5, t-shirts, skirts and shorts for \$4 and jackets for \$8. By purchasing from charity stores like the Brotherhood you're not only guaranteed to stand out from the pack (for less), but you'll be helping to support the many programs and services they provide to help disadvantaged Australians.

Book-lovers can also shop and support a charity all at once by the click of mouse, with The Brotherhood of St Laurence relaunching its popular second-hand bookstore, Brotherhood Books.

The organisation

receives tonnes of book donations from the public each week which are sorted by an army of volunteers and either sent to the Brotherhood's Community Stores across Victoria or added to the Brotherhood Books website for sale worldwide.

The Brotherhood embraced the online environment with Brotherhood Books back in 2009, miles ahead of its charity competitors, but in keeping with the fast pace of technology the site has undergone a revamp.

The new site is faster, easier to navigate, compatible with all popular browsers and capable of offering special rewards to its loyal customers.

An added bonus for customers who buy three or more books in one purchase is that they will also receive free postage Australia wide.

Books are sold at bargain prices and 100 percent of the profits go towards the Brotherhood's programs and services that help disadvantaged people build better lives.

For more information on the Brotherhood of St Laurence's shop including locations visit [brotherhoodbooks.com](http://brotherhoodbooks.com), and for books visit [brotherhoodbooks.com](http://brotherhoodbooks.com)

# Singing the jokes

*"Tofurkey? Tof\*\*k yourself - I want some meat"*

Whether he's singing an ode to 'queer tattoos', telling his potential paramour all the things he won't be doing for her (he ain't fightin' no Lion), or lamenting his new vegan lifestyle ("Tofurkey? Tof\*\*k yourself - I want some meat") Stephen Lynch will always consider himself a musician trapped in the body of a comedian.

Returning for his second Australian tour, Lynch's unique blend of musical based comedy has earned him fiercely loyal fans around the world.

Stephen is the son of a former nun and priest. He admits to actively entertaining friends and family since he was a child. True to form, he graduated from university with a BA in drama and found his talent as a comedic songwriter.

He moved from Michigan to New York in 1996 with the goal of becoming a performer. While working part time during the day, he wrote songs and performed at clubs and underground music

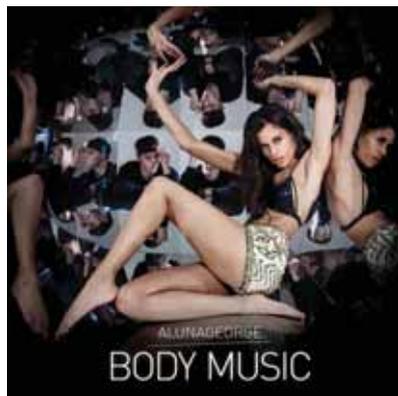
venues around Manhattan at night, quickly developing a strong fan base as well as catching the attention of Comedy Central who invited him to record his first special in 2000. That special became one of the highest rated shows in the series.

In 2006, Stephen stepped onto the Broadway stage for the first time in the title role of *The Wedding Singer*. His performance earned him nominations for some of the highest honours in American Theatre including the Drama League Award for Distinguished Performance, the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Actor in a Musical, as well as the highly coveted Tony Award for Best Performance by a Leading Actor in a Musical.

Stephen has released five albums - *A Little Bit Special*, *Superhero*, *The Craig Machine*, *3 Balloons* and his latest *Lions* with total sales worldwide numbering in the hundreds of thousands. His first DVD, *Live At The El Ray*, was certified Gold by RIAA.

Stephen has toured with some of the biggest names in comedy including Lewis Black and the late Mitch Hedberg. He has also headlined his own sold out tours throughout the United States and Europe where he is considered 'the Beyonce of Scandinavia'.

[stephenlynch.com](http://stephenlynch.com)



### Body Music

**AlunaGeorge**  
**Universal**

AlunaGeorge are Aluna Francis and George Reid. Aluna means 'come here' in the Mwera dialect of Tanzania, 'pupil' in Portugese and 'Mother Earth' in Mayan. George means George. Aluna writes and sings the melodies and lyrics. George arranges the music into uncanny and seductive new shapes. They met in 2009. They live in London. They have released two fresh, irresistible singles, *You Know You Like It* and *Your Drums, Your Love*, and they have only just begun.



### Blurred Lines

**Robin Thicke**  
**Universal**

All songs on *Blurred Lines*, Thicke's sixth album, are written or co-written by Thicke. Album highlights include the Pharrell-produced number one ARIA and National Airplay smash hit *Blurred Lines* featuring T.I. and Pharrell, *Give It 2 U* produced by Dr. Luke and featuring Kendrick Lamar; *Take It Easy On Me* produced by Timbaland, and *Feel Good* co-written and produced by will.i.am. Robin Thicke landed in Australia for a whirlwind promo visit that included the performance of his number one hit, *Blurred Lines*, on *The Voice Grand Finale*.



### Jay Z

**Holy Grail**  
**Universal**

Holy Grail features friend and long-time collaborator Justin Timberlake with the chorus from Nirvana's *Smells Like Teen Spirit*. Along with Justin Timberlake the album also features Frank Ocean, Rick Ross, Pharrell Williams, Timbaland and Beyoncé. Jay Z boasts two top 10 ARIA charting albums and has sold over 40 million albums worldwide. Jay-Z revealed the cover art for *Magna Carta ... Holy Grail* at Britain's Salisbury Cathedral, home to one of the four surviving original 1215 Magna Carta, which was Jay Z's inspiration for this album.