## BREAKING BARRIERS FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

## **TODAY'S DEDICATION**



## DAY 31: SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER 2023

## **BLAKE**

Blake Pavey is an AACTA-nominated comedian who performed to over 11,000 people during the course of his sold-out debut national tour. Alongside his standup, Blake is best known for his sketch comedy characters online and boasts over 1.1 million followers online. He also competed as a finalist in the 2022 Raw Comedy competition.

Diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at just 6 weeks old. Blake is able to draw on his experiences in a light-hearted and humorous way. Pavey's stand-up delicately weaves elements of darkness and light, moving the audience to the brink of tears, before landing a hefty punchline that leaves them in (metaphorical) stitches.

In my younger years, CF was something I wasn't very open about to anyone outside my family. It wasn't until I discovered my love for comedy that things started to change. The first time someone made a CF joke to me was when I was 15 (in a Call of Duty lobby, historically a place where taboo jokes are most common).

In hindsight, it was an atrocious and offensive joke. All my other mates gasped in shock that someone would make such a comment, but for some reason it seemed to have flipped a switch for me.

CF suddenly didn't have power of me anymore.

From then on CF became much less controlling because I was attaching it to something light-hearted.

Ironically, CF has given me the chance to live the life I always wanted to. It's given me a career in an industry I love. It's given me the opportunity to meet my greatest friends and travel the world doing what I love.

