

Edinburgh Fringe 2016: Comedy



Abi Roberts: Anglichanka

First UK comic to perform in Russian (in Russia) tells all.

Voodoo Rooms (the Old Café Royal)
6-28 August 2016 (not Tuesday 16th) @ 4.15pm

‘Charmingly brilliant and incredibly funny...true comedy genius’
GQ Magazine

This year acclaimed and in-demand act, **Abi Roberts**, became the first UK comedian to perform in Russia - in Russian! Now she's back to shed some light on our continental neighbours and tell us what side of a blini is buttered.

Just pipping **Eddie Izzard** to the accolade, Abi's world first came at the bilingual Moscow Comedy Bar and Club. This was her first visit since an intensive period of trips to Moscow in the 1990s that came about because of her studies and because her dad was a diplomat.

During this time Abi become an opera singer at the **Moscow Conservatoire**, a member of the **Russian Orthodox Church** and an expert on how matches and sawdust are vital to the country's plumbing when it is minus 17 degrees outside!

Abi's return to Moscow was a crash course in **new Russian culture**, and like most long journeys, it started at the airport where they probe more than you might expect. Noticing signs of wealth everywhere and cars much evolved since the days of the Lada, Abi found the return bewildering and a steep learning curve.

Join Abi as she tried to get to grips with a heady mix of being monitored, crossing the paths of gangsters, overwhelming hospitality, fear of **Putin** and the strange disappearance of street kiosks.

The show climaxes with a spectacular finale where Abi recounts almost performing opera for the Russian President and dignitaries and how she narrowly escaped with her life during the attempted military coup of 1991.

‘Raucous and incredibly funny’ Daily Telegraph

Abi Roberts and her big hair exploded onto the stand-up comedy scene in 2011, after a number of years as a session vocalist and cabaret performer. In her four years in professional stand-up comedy, Abi has supported household names such as **Michael McIntyre**, **Sarah Millican**, **Jack Whitehall** and **Tom Stode** and is to be found performing at many of the UK’s leading comedy clubs, such as The Glee Club, Komedia and The Stand.

Abi was a Finalist and Runner-Up in the London Comedy Store’s Costa Light Comedy Competition in 2012, a Finalist and Runner-Up in the 2012 Harrogate Theatre’s Comedian of the Year and took the Audience Award at the same festival.

Other projects:

Abi is also co-writer and co-creator of **Frankly On..Tuesday**, a double act with **ITV’s Gayle Tuesday** (Brenda Gilhooly – Friday Night Live, Saturday Night Live, Harry Hill’s TV Burp, The Paul O’Grady Show, Gayle’s World) playing BBC Radio Culture host Ginny Frankly, interviewing reformed Page 3 “stunna”, **Gayle Tuesday** about her book, ‘They Call Me a Woman, Because I Am One’.

Abi also hosts her own chat show **MUSICAL CID** where well-known comedians talk about their music collections, which featuring comedy stars such as **Al Murray**, **Romesh Ranganathan**, **Seann Walsh**, **Mark Dolan**, **Jo Caulfield** and **Jarred Christmas**.

What have the press said about Abi:

‘Brilliant, funny and charming. True comedy genius..one of GQ’s Top Ten New Stand-ups to see in 2015’

GQ Magazine

‘Very funny, rapid-fire, infectious humour...unstoppable and triumphant... takes down target after target.’

New Statesman

‘Raucous and incredibly funny’

Daily Telegraph

‘Fast-paced, high-octane comedy with brilliant routines...entertaining throughout and leaves everybody wanting more’

gigglebeats.co.uk

‘A master impersonator and a gifted comedy performer’

Edinburgh’s Three Weeks

‘Truly and hysterically funny, Roberts has definitely got the comedy moves. She does it all with genuine charm and character, with big laughs.’

Chortle.co.uk

Full Listing:**Title:** Abi Roberts: Anglichanka**Venue:** Voodoo Rooms (Speakeasy), (the Old Café Royal), 19a West Register St, Edinburgh EH2 2AA**Dates:** August 4-28 (not Tues 16th)**Time:** 4.15pm**Age:** 14+**Duration:** 1 Hour**Entry:** Free (Donations)**Images:** <http://tinyurl.com/humv9ox>**Web:** www.abiroberts.com and chat show: www.musicalcid.com**Twitter:** @abiroberts <https://twitter.com/abiroberts>**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/abirobertscomedy/>**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftdUoNarrfU&feature=youtu.be><https://www.youtube.com/user/AbiRobertsComedyDiva>

Abi is also a talented singer and recording artist and has her own Soundcloud channel: <https://soundcloud.com/abi-roberts>

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