

Jimmy Carr

'A comedy hero for our times'

Guardian

One of the most original and distinctive stars on television, radio and the stage, Jimmy has enjoyed several hugely successful years; this year being no exception.

Jimmy's first four DVDs (*Jimmy Carr, Stand Up, Comedian* and *In Concert*) have sold 850,000 copies in total. His all-new stand-up DVD, *Telling Jokes*, will be released in November 2009 and is packed with lots of original extras that fans have come to expect from Jimmy's DVDs.

Jimmy's current tour show, *Joke Technician* debuted at the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh 2008 and is playing to sellout audiences across the UK, breaking all previous records with extra dates continually being added due to public demand. *Joke Technician* is on course to become his greatest tour to date – even bigger than the epic *Repeat Offender* tour which ran from August 2007 to July 2008 and featured over 160 tour dates. True to his reputation as the UK's hardest working comedian, he is set to tour an all-new show this year, entitled *Rapier Wit*, which will be kicking off in August at the Fringe Festival, straight after *Joke Technician* comes to a close.

Jimmy is currently filming the eighth series of *8 Out of 10 Cats*, the comedy panel show based on polls, surveys and statistics, this summer. Other recent television appearances include *The Graham Norton Show*, *Would I Lie to You?* and *QI*.

A household name in the UK, Jimmy is also a rising star in the US, where his profile continues to grow. Jimmy recently performed a second Comedy Central Special and also appeared on NBC's Late Night with Conan O'Brien – his fifth appearance to date. Jimmy's game show *Distraction* aired on Comedy Central and was subsequently repeated and has also appeared four times on NBC's flagship programme *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. This year, Jimmy will return to the *Montreal Just for Laughs Comedy Festival* to perform for the fifth time.

With conventional media conquered, Jimmy is also a pioneer of digital comedy, topping the album charts on iTunes and the MySpace comedy rankings, with over 165,000 fans online. He was the first major comedian to perform within the online world of Second Life, and the results can be seen as an extra on the *Comedian* DVD. Most recently, Jimmy has been recording podcasts, entitled *The Writers' Room*, in which he and his favourite writer friends chat about the latest news and events, exchanging anecdotes and quips, offering an insight into how comedy material can develop within a writing environment. The podcasts have proved a smash hit, shooting straight to the top of the iTunes download chart.

Awards:

- **LAFTA Awards 2008:** Best Stand Up
- **LAFTA Awards 2007:** Funniest Man
- **British Comedy Awards Winner 2006:** Best Stand-Up tour, for 'Gag Reflex'
- **Rose D'Or Nomination 2006:** Best Game Show (*Distraction*)
- **LAFTA Awards 2005:** Funniest Man
- **Rose D'Or Nomination 2004:** Best presenter (*Distraction*)
- **LAFTA Awards 2004:** Best Stand-up
- **Royal Television Society 2003 Award Winner:** Best on-screen newcomer
- **Time Out 2003 Award Winner:** Best Stand-Up
- **Perrier 2002 Award Nominee:** For *Bare-faced Ambition*

Television:

- *QI* (BBC2), (Guest), 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
- *The Graham Norton Show* (BBC), (Guest), 2008, 2009
- *Would I Lie To You?* (BBC) Guest, 2007, 2009
- *8 out of 10 Cats*, Series 1 – 7 (C4), (Presenter/Writer), 2004-2008
- *The Charlotte Church Show* (BBC), (Guest), 2008

- Richard and Judy (C4), (Guest), 2008
- Commercial Breakdown with Jimmy Carr (BBC), (Presenter/Writer), 2008
- A Question of Sport Relief (BBC), (Presenter), 2008
- Big Brother Celebrity Hijack (C4), (Celebrity Hijacker), 2008
- Saturday Night Live Again (ITV), 2007
- Have I Got News For You (BBC), (Guest), 2007
- Live At The Apollo (BBC), (Presenter), 2007
- Annually Retentive (BBC), (Guest), 2007
- My Life with James Bond (ITV), (Guest), 2006
- Friday Night with Jonathon Ross (BBC), (Guest), 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- The Paul O'Grady Show (ITV), (Guest), 2005, 2006, 2008
- TV Heaven TV Hell (C4), (Guest), 2006
- Late Night with Conan O'Brien (NBC), (Guest Stand-Up), Jan/Sept 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008
- Big Fat Quiz of the Year (C4), (Presenter/Writer), 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- Amnesty International's The Secret Policeman's Ball (C4), (voiceover to animation), 2006
- Last call with Carson Daly, (Guest Stand-Up), 2006
- Top Gear (BBC2), (Guest), 2004, 2005, 2006
- Comedian's Comedian (C4), (Presenter/Writer), 2005
- The Friday Night Project (C4), (Presenter/Writer), 2005
- Richard and Judy (ITV), (Guest), 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008
- Comic Relief: Red Nose Night Live (BBC), 2005
- The 100 Greatest Cartoons (C4), (Presenter/Writer), 2005
- Comic Aid (BBC2), (Guest Stand-Up), 2005
- Comedy Central presents...Jimmy Carr (Half-hour special), (Stand-Up), 2005, 2008
- The Comedian's Comedian (C4), 2005
- Today with Des and Mel (ITV), (Guest), 2004, 2005, 2007
- Tonight with Jay Leno (NBC), (Guest Stand-Up), 2003, 2004, 2005
- Peter Cook: A Posthumous Tribute (C4), (Guest Stand-Up), 2004
- Parkinson (BBC), (Guest), 2004
- Bob Monkhouse: A BAFTA tribute, (Guest), 2004
- Countdown (C4), (Guest), 2004
- 100 Worst Pop Records (C4), (Presenter/Writer), 2004
- 100 Greatest Christmas Moments (C4), (Presenter/Writer), 2004
- The Royal Variety Performance (BBC), (Stand-Up), 2002, 2004
- Distraction (C4), (Presenter/Writer), 2003, 2004
- Never Mind The Buzzcocks (BBC2), (Guest), 2004, 2003
- Have I Got News for you (BBC2), (Guest/Guest Host), 2003
- 100 Greatest Scary Moments (C4), (Presenter/Writer), 2003
- Des O'Connor Comedy Tonight (ITV), (Guest), 2003
- The Terry and Gaby Show, (Guest), 2003
- Your Face or Mine (C4), (Presenter/Writer), 2002, 2003

Film:

- I Want Candy (2007)
- Stormbreaker (2006)
- Confetti (2006)
- Alien Autopsy (2006)

Radio:

- The Zane Lowe Show, BBC Radio 1 (guest presenter), 2009
- The Dermot O' Leary Show, BBC Radio 2 (guest presenter), 2009
- The Chris Moyles Show, BBC Radio 1 (regular interviewee)
- Xfm Sunday Breakfast show, XFM, 2003 - 2006
- Loose Ends (Regular interviewer and interviewee)

Books:

- The Naked Jape: Uncovering the Hidden World of Jokes (co-written with Lucy Greeves) 2006

Live:

- Rapier Wit: Edinburgh Festival & National Tour 2009 - 2010
- Joke Technician: Edinburgh Festival & National Tour 2008 - 2009
- Repeat Offender: Edinburgh Festival & National Tour 2007 - 2008
- Gag Reflex: Edinburgh Festival & National Tour 2006 – 2007
- Public Display of Affection: Edinburgh Festival & National Tour 2004 - 2005
- Charm Offensive: Edinburgh Festival 2003
- Bare-faced Ambition: Edinburgh Festival 2002
- Montreal Just for Laughs Festival (2002, 2003, 2006, 2007)
- Aspen International Comedy Arts Festival (2003)

Press comments:

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'King of the comedy fringe'

Telegraph

'Fabulous: Carr is No1 on the Comedy Offenders' List'

The Times

'A wonder to behold...he plays with your boundaries, but you love it. If Jimmy Carr can do to a body what he does to a mind, then his girlfriend must be the happiest woman on the planet'

Scotsman

'The brightest British comic hope for a long, long while...the most deliciously transgressive comic...he is not so much pushing the boundaries as sailing in uncharted waters...Superb'

Irish Times

'A masterclass in comedy...devastating, tasteless two-liners that are bliss to listen to...Carr's persona is irresistible and his wisecracks have you quivering with satisfaction'

Guardian

'Edinburgh punters and critics disparage comedy acts with the phrase, 'It's not quite Jimmy Carr, is it?' His exquisitely economical and perfectly-timed one-liners have set the new standard'

Daily Telegraph

'As sick as he is slick...and he's very sick indeed'

Independent on Sunday

'Jimmy Carr is a world-class comedian...I envy his brilliance with words; if I could be any comedian in Edinburgh, I'd want to be Jimmy Carr...Bloody funny...a comic on top form...this show is unlikely to be improved upon at this year's festival'

Independent

'Carr has blossomed into one of the most polished performers in the business'

The Independent

Key Facts:

Acting age: 30+

Height: 6'0"

Build: Average

Voice: Clear, assured, soft and eloquent



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