



# Abi Roberts: Anglichanka

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

## Russian Revolution Centenary Tour March - October 2017

**'Charmingly brilliant and incredibly funny...true comedy genius'**  
GQ Magazine

In 2016 acclaimed and in-demand act, **Abi Roberts**, became the first UK comedian to perform in Russia - in Russian! Now, in 2017, the centenary of the **Russian Revolution** she's here 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

**'unstoppable charisma...a one-of-a-kind stand-up show'**

★★★★★ Edinburgh Festivals Magazine

**'Anglichanka', is hilarious, thought-provoking and a joy to watch...absolutely not to be missed.'**

★★★★★ Edinburgh Fringe Review

**'A fantastic storyteller who has led a fascinating life, you'll leave Roberts' risqué comedy having not only laughed, but also gained an insight into Russian culture and customs. Definitely a show for those looking for a scoop of wanderlust to go with their stand-up.'**

★★★★ Three Weeks

**'Fast-paced, high-octane comedy with brilliant routines...entertaining throughout and leaves every- body wanting more'**

[gigglebeats.co.uk](http://gigglebeats.co.uk)

**'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](http://Chortle.co.uk)

### **Full Listing:**

**Title:** Abi Roberts: Anglichanka

**Age:** 16+

**Duration:** 1 Hour

**Thur 2 Mar 2017 @ 9.30pm**

Hope Mill Theatre

113 Pollard Street, Manchester M4 7JA

Part of the Wonder Women Festival

<https://www.creativetourist.com/event/abi-roberts-in-anglichanka/>

**Sun 12 Mar 2017 @ 7.45pm**

The Prince Albert

Rodborough Hill, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 3SS

<http://www.theprincealbertstroud.co.uk/event/abi-roberts-is-anglichanka-ticketed/>

**Wed 22 Mar 2017 @ 7.15pm**

Glasgow Comedy Festival

The Yesbar, 14 Drury Street, Glasgow G2 5AA, Glasgow

<http://glasgowcomedyfestival.seetickets.com/event/abi-roberts-anglichanka/yesbar/1025261/>

**Sat 8 Apr @ 4.30pm**

Bath Comedy Festival

Bath Brew House, 14 James Street West, Bath BA1 2BX

<http://www.bathcomedy.com/whats-on?id=620>

**Sun 9 Apr 2017 @ 7.30pm**

Swindon Comedy Festival

The Town Hall Theatre, Swindon, Wiltshire

**Sat 13 Apr @ 9.30pm**

Derby Comedy Festival

The Bean Caffe Friar Gate Studios Ford Street, Derby, DE1 1EE

<http://www.beancaffe.co.uk>

<http://www.derbycomedyfestival.co.uk>

**Wed 17 May @ 6.45pm**

Brighton Comedy Festival

Komedia, 44-47 Gardner Street, Brighton, BN1 1UN

<https://www.komedia.co.uk/brighton/comedy/abi-roberts-anglichanka/>

**Thur 25 May 2017 @ 7.30pm**

Phoenix Arts Club, 1 Phoenix St, London WC2H 8BU

<http://phoenixartistclub.com>

**Sat 27 May 2017 @ 4.15pm**

Brighton Comedy Festival  
Komedia, 44-47 Gardner Street, Brighton, BN1 1UN  
<https://www.komedia.co.uk/brighton/comedy/abi-roberts-anglichanka/>

**Fri 16 Jun 2017 @ 7.30pm**

Hastings Fringe  
VIP Blackmarket, 10 George St Hastings TN34 3EG

**2 Jul 2017 @ 7.30pm**

Greater Manchester Fringe  
The Kings Arms, 11 Bloom Street, Salford M3 6AN  
<http://www.greatermanchesterfringe.co.uk>  
<https://www.ticketweb.uk/event/abi-roberts-anglichanka-the-kings-arms-tickets/7204865>

**Sat 15th July 2017 @ 8.00pm**

Buxton Comedy Festival  
Underground Venues, Buxton, Derbyshire  
<http://www.buxtonfringe.org.uk/descriptions2017.html#come>  
<http://underthefringe.com>

**Sat 22 July 2017 @ 8.30pm**

Great Yorkshire Fringe  
The Teapot, Tykes Green, Parliament Street, York YO1 8RS  
<https://greatyorkshirefringe.ticketsolve.com/#/shows/873570631>

**Fri 28 Jul @ 9pm**

Guilford G-live  
Bellerby Studio, London Rd, Guildford GU1 2AA, UK  
<https://glive.co.uk/Online/default.asp>

**Sat 29 Jul @ 7pm**

Milton Keynes Comedy Festival  
Westbury Arts Centre, Milton Keynes  
Foxcovert Road, Shenley Wood, Milton Keynes MK5 6AA  
<http://www.mkcomedyfest.co.uk>

**Edinburgh Fringe Festival, 4-28 August @ 6.40pm**

Underbelly (White Belly)  
66 Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1JX  
<http://www.underbellyedinburgh.co.uk>

**26 Oct 2017 @ 7pm**

**SPECIAL OCTOBER REVOLUTION EDITION! PLUS AFTER PARTY!**

Phoenix Arts Club, 1 Phoenix St, London WC2H 8BU

<http://phoenixartistclub.com>

**Abi Roberts' web links and social media:**

Web: [www.abiroberts.com](http://www.abiroberts.com) and chat show: [www.musicalcid.com](http://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](https://soundcloud.com/abi-roberts)

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