

Edinburgh Fringe 2017



Abi Roberts: Anglichanka*

[*Englishwoman]

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

Underbelly, Cowgate (White Belly), Edinburgh
3 - 27 (not 14) @ 6.40pm

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

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In 2016, **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's minus 17 degrees outside!

Abi's return to Moscow was a crash course in new Russian culture. Noticing signs of wealth everywhere and cars much evolved since the days of the Lada, Abi found the trip 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.

Anglichanka (Englishwoman) climaxes with a spectacular sequence where Abi recounts almost performing opera for the Russian President 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 Stafe** 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 has recently appeared in two critically acclaimed short films which have aired at prestigious film festivals including London's **LOCO Film Festival**, **Tribeca**, **Hollywood and New York Film Festivals**. Trailers for the films can be seen below:

The Honeymoon

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/207384860>

One Under

<https://vimeo.com/187711352>

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*). In it, Abi plays 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 the press have said about Abi:

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

GQ Magazine

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

New Statesman

'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

Full Listing:

Title: Abi Roberts – Anglichanka

Venue: Underbelly, Cowgate (White Belly)

Fringe venue number: 61

Address: 66 Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1JX

Venue website: <http://www.underbellyedinburgh.co.uk>

Direct Ticket/Show link: <http://www.underbellyedinburgh.co.uk/whats-on/search/search?per-page=16&page=1&category=&date=&time=&venue=cowgate&lat-Ing=>

Tel: 0131 510 0395

Dates: August 3 - 27 (not 14)

Press Night: Saturday 5 August 2017

Time: 6.40pm

Age: 17 plus with parental consent – adult themes and mild swearing

Duration: 1 Hour

Entry: Previews: £6.50 (August 3,4). Weekdays £9.50 (£8.50), Weekends £10.50 (£9.50)

Preview dates: for preview dates please visit www.abiroberts.com, dates include

25 May Phoenix Artists Club, London @ 7pm

27 May Komedia Brighton @ 4.15pm

2 July Greater Manchester Fringe, Kings Arms, Salford @ 7.30pm

21 July Great Yorkshire Fringe, The Teapot, York @ 8.00pm

22 July Museum of Comedy @ 8.45pm – open for review

29 July Milton Keynes Comedy Festival, Westbury Arts Centre, Milton Keynes

Abi Roberts' web links and social media:

Web: www.abiroberts.com and chat show: www.musicalcid.com

Twitter: @abiroberts <https://twitter.com/abiroberts>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/abirobertscomedy/>

Instagram: @abirobertscomedy

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

Footage: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftdUoNarrfU&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AbiRobertsComedyDiva>

Trailer: <http://www.abiroberts.com/videos.html>

Images: <http://tinyurl.com/humv9ox>

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