



Our Woman in Moscow: Abi Roberts

First UK comic to perform in Russian - in Russia!

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GQ Magazine

Acclaimed and in-demand act, **Abi Roberts**, is to become the first UK comedian to perform in Russia - in Russian!

Helping to underline that comedy is a universal language, Abi joins the likes of Eddie Izzard in exporting the 'internationality' of stand up with her latest show **ANGLICHANKA** to be performed in **Moscow** between **February 25 -27** at the bilingual Moscow Comedy Bar and Club.

ANGLICHANKA (meaning 'Englishwoman') is the story of Abi's adventures in the Russian capital during the 1990s, her love affair with the country as a whole and her overwhelming desire for Smetana and Tvorog (cottage cheese and creme fraiche)!

Abi's many visits to Moscow saw her 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! Having noted down all of these experiences, and more, in her journals, Abi is looking forward to finally sharing her unique material on various aspects of Russian life. Equally she knows that her Russian audiences will find some aspects of English culture entirely bizarre, as well as discover some surprising and funny similarities between the two countries.

"I last visited Russia in 1998" says Abi, "this marks my first visit to my beloved Moscow since then - I think I might be in for a few surprises!"

"The show will be a bit like Eddie Izzard's first French set, in that the club is bilingual and both native speakers and English ex-pats will be there. So there will be a certain amount of doing back and forth between both languages and some 'Ringlish' in-between!"

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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 Stacey 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 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 standing way out from the herd'

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. She has an imposing range of talents and her impressions are, well, impressive. She really is more than just a stand-up.'

Chortle.co.uk

Abi's links:

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

Twitter: @abiroberts

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

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

Short video (2012): <https://youtu.be/NdE5oGRWZMo>

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

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

RUSSIA SHOW DETAILS:

Show title: ABI ROBERTS: ANGLICHANKA (Russian for Englishwoman)

Dates: 25, 26, 27 Feb 2016 at 8pm

Venue: Moscow Comedy Bar and Club, Myasnitskaya Ulitza, 38, str 1, Moskva.

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