

Brendan Riley Biog

"One of the brighter names from the North West .. a great compere" **Guardian**

"incredibly refreshing" **** **Metro**

"Irreverent, inventive and most importantly hilarious" **Liverpool Daily Post**

There's nothing bland or predictable about this stand-up comic. Brendan's Liverpudlian accent and lively blend of anecdotes, gags and inspired improvisation brings a refreshing blast of cheerful North Western humour and makes him a sought after headline act and MC.

Stand up comedian

Brendan is one of the most sought after acts for the Jongleurs and Highlight chains of comedy clubs. He is a popular headline act and compere who can perform up to 40 minute sets as well as solo theatre shows.

2014 CSE tour Cyprus, launched the Nando's New Comedian Of The Year Competition 2014, Launched The Liverpool Comedy cellar. Helped to stage the first Southport Arts Festival, Director of The Southport Comedy Festival 2014

2013 CSE Afganistan tour Camp Bastion with Jason Manford, Regular appearances on Radio 5 Live, launched Bigcomedyuk, Director of The Southport Comedy Festival 2013

2012 Director of The Southport Comedy Festival, Part of the BBC Radio 5 Live Celebrity Shirt Swap for Sport Relief, Supported Neil Delamere at The Cork Opera House

2011 Supported Neil Delamere at The Cork Opera House, took over as Director of The Southport Comedy Festival.

2010 'Happiness' solo show at the Liverpool and Southport comedy festivals. Giggled around the UK and abroad including Ireland, China and Hong Kong and CSE Cyprus Decompression gigs.

2009 Performed at the City of Culture Linz in Austria at their opening ceremony and completed 5 tours entertaining returning troops at the Cyprus Decompression base for CSE.

2008 Commissioned to write and perform 'The Hyena Stomp Comedy Tour' for Liverpool Tate Gallery, the only other comedian to be commissioned was Alexei Sayle / Comedy Shop On Tour - UK venues various / Happy Days solo show sell out at Southport Festival / hosted Liverpool City of Culture press launch , Liverpool 3 show, sell out Liverpool Comedy Festival, 'Kulture Vulture' solo show sell out at Liverpool Comedy Festival,International

bookings include Singapore and Dubai.
Liverpool, Leicester and Edinburgh Festivals - 'Comedy Sushi' (solo show)
Edinburgh Fringe Sunday (host) & Festival Fringe Launch party (featured performer)
C4 So You Think You're Funny (regional host)
BBC New Act Of The Year (regional host)
Isle of Man tour during TT Races
Liverpool and Birmingham Comedy Festivals - solo show 'comedy sushi'

Quotes

"unpretentious likeability ... gregarious, enthusiastic, cheeky and talkative ... Riley can be relied on to do the job required of him - to make the audience laugh" Chortle

"excellent interaction with the audience ... A+ to Mr Riley" BBC online

"Brendan Riley does the business ... bouncy and engaging" The Scotsman

"Worth the price of the admission alone .. Scouse wit and raconteur who holds the show together and doesn't so much warm up the crowd as set them on fire" Lancashire Evening Post

"I have never, ever seen so many bikers crying tears of laughter in my life"

100% Biker Mag

TV & radio credits - comedy performer

Northwest Tonight (BBC)

Gagging For It (Granada)

Funny Business (C4)

Look North West (BBC)

Stand Up (Granada)

Pebble Mill (BBC)

Spanking New on 7 (BBCR7)

The Next Big Thing (BBC)

TV & radio credits - presenter / writer

2010-2014- BBCR5Live - guest appearances on various shows covering subjects ranging from discussing accents to what makes us happy.

2008 -BBCR4 - A Sense Of Liverpool - commissioned piece about City Of Culture's comedy history. Guest appearances on BBC Merseyside, CityTalk and Dune fm. Also co-hosted pilot show with Tom Binns for new fm station City Talk.

2007 - BBC Wales with Rhod Gilbert, BBC Radio Merseyside with Linda McDermott and Billy Butler, BBC Radio Leeds and R5Live.

2005 - 2006 incl.- BBCR Merseyside 'Life Of Riley' guest slot + 'Comedy Correspondent'

Men & Motors (Granada TV)

The Close Guide (Discovery)

What's New (Granada) - wrote and presented preview on Manchester Festival)

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