

Tony Burgess

Stand up comedian, writer, actor.

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You may recognise Tony from his role in the cult BBC3 comedy **Ideal** where he played DJ Troy, Moz's crazy, vinyl obsessed brother; you may have seen his self penned BBC1 sitcom **The Visit**, or maybe you've caught him doing stand up where he's played most established venues throughout the country.

Tony was the winner of the prestigious City Life Comedian of the Year, came runner up in So You Think Your Funny and was nominated for best stand up and writer at the North West comedy awards.

He was also a founder member of the topical M EN at work team at the Comedy Store in Manchester, regular compere of the long established Frog and Bucket Comedy club and has supported household names like Johnny Vegas on National Theatre tours.

"A demon set and staggering stage presence..." (The Big Issue.)

"...great, well crafted gags" (The Times)

Tony is also a successful writer:

His plays, **Fire Salad** and **Doorway**, premiered at **The Royal Exchange Studio Theatre** in Manchester.

"...extracts the comic and absurd from difficult situations..." The Guardian.

"While making people laugh sometimes uncomfortably, the play is strong enough to chisel and nag at the conscience reminding it's audience about people they ignore..." The Times

He wrote on the first two series of cult BBC 3 sitcom **Ideal**, co-wrote a Sony Award winning Radio 4 comedy, **The Nightclass**, with Johnny Vegas "first rate acting....great characterisation and clever writing....", and penned his own seven part BBC sitcom **The Visit**, which played to much acclaim on both BBC3 and BBC1.

"Around the simple premise, writer Tony Burgess sets up a series of blink and you'll miss 'em one liners, managing to draw soap sized story arcs for his characters with deceptive ease..."

The Times on The Visit

"...The tone is warm enough so the comedy never seems bleak...." The Sunday Times

Tony has also written for many big name comedians including Steve Coogan (*Paul and Pauline Calf's Cheese and Ham Sandwich*), Johnny Vegas (the Sony award

winning radio comedy *Nightclass and Who's Ready For Ice Cream*) Lily Savage and John Bishop (*John Bishop's Britain*). Tony even managed to get a writing credit on *Wallace and Gromit's The Curse of the Were Rabbit*, so his kids now believe that he's got a proper job.

Selection of stuff I've done:

Stand up comedian 20+ years playing Comedy Clubs in the UK and abroad.
1994 - present

2015 / 16

“Mint” 6x30 min Sitcom In Development

2014 /15

“Yeah Yeah Yeah”. 6x30 min Sitcom Developed with
 Rehearsed Read for BBC. Pilot script Commissioned BBC Media City

2013

“A Different Drum” 6x30min Narrative Comedy BBC3
 In Development
 BBC Comedy
 North

“Tony Burgess In Progress”

One man Show: 1x90 minutes Kings Arms
 Manchester Comedy Stage Show Salford
 Festival

2012

Half Man half Retro 6x30min Narrative Comedy Development

The Skint Show 1x30min sketch show Development
 Filmed taster sketches

2011

John Bishops Britain2 6x30min (additional material) BBC1 / Objective
 (Prime Time
 Saturday Night
 Show)

2010

John Bishops Britain1 7x30min BBC1 / Objective
 Saturday Night
 Show)

2009:

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| Billy Was a Bag Head | 1x30min | In Development BBC Comedy |
| Alan Partridge and Other less successful Characters | Stage Show (additional material) | National and Australian tour |
| Johnny Vegas Live in Benidorm. | 1x60min DVD (additional material) | DVD release |
| 2007/2008 | | |
| The Visit | 6x 30minutes Narrative Comedy | Transmitted BBC1/3 |
| 2004-2006 | | |
| Ideal series 1/2 (Additional Material) | 17x30min Episodes Narrative Comedy | BBC3/2 |
| 2005 | | |
| Ten Ninety Six | 1x30min Narrative Comedy Series Developed. | BBC3 |
| The Shops | 1x30min sketch show | Developed with Baby Cow |
| 2004 | | |
| The Farrell Coincidence | 1x30min | Development |
| BBC writers Bursary | 6 Month placement | BBC Comedy North |
| 2003 | | |
| Doorway | 90 minutes Stage Play | Royal Exchange Studio Theatre |
| Paul and Pauline Calf Cheese and Ham Sandwich | 1x30 min (Stage Show Special for) BBC3 opening night) | BBC3 |
| An Audience With Brian Conley | 1x60mins (Additional material) | ITV |
| Johnny Vegas Who's ready for ice cream | 1x60 minute DVD (writer) | Universal DVD Release |
| 2002 | | |
| Fire Salad | 90 minutes Stage Play | Royal Exchange |

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| | | Studio Theatre |
| The Nightclass | 5x 30min Narrative Comedy (co-written with Johnny Vegas and Tony Pitts) | BBC Radio4 |
| Lily Savage | Series 1 and 2 (Additional Material) | ITV |
| 2003 10 mile radius | 1x30mins | Development BBC Comedy North. |
| 2001/2002 The Brian Conley Show | series 1 and 2 | ITV |
| 2000/2001 The Last Laugh Show | Series 1 and 2 (Additional material) | BBC Scotland |
| 1998-2000 The Treatment | Topical Sketch Show (Topical monologues and writing sketches.) | Radio5 |
| 1998/1999 The Eleven O'clock Show | Lots of Episodes (additional material) | Channel 4 |
| 1998 Rofls Animal Hairdressers | 1x 15min comedy lab Animation | Channel 4 |
| 1996 Comfortable Shoes | 60minute Stage Pay | Frog And Bucket Edinburgh Fest |
| 1993 | Won City Life Comedian Of The Year Runner up (3 rd) "So You Think Your Funny" | |

