

Tony Burgess
Stand up comedian...writer...actor

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Tony Burgess is an award winning stand-up comedian, writer and actor based in Manchester:

With his instantly engaging stage persona, Tony Burgess weaves fantastic gags into sometimes surreal stories about northern family life, which for over 25 years has proved a hit with the crowds on the UK comedy circuit.

“great, well crafted gags” The Times

Tony was the winner of the prestigious City Life Comedian of the Year (other winners include John Bishop and Peter Kay) came runner up in So You Think You're Funny and was nominated for best stand up and writer at the North West comedy awards.

Tony's been a regular compere of the long-established Frog and Bucket Comedy club for over 20 years, a founder member of the weekly topical show at the Comedy Store in Manchester and has supported household names like Johnny Vegas on National Theatre tours.

“fantastically rude from start to finish” Student direct

Tony is also a successful writer:

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

“...finds the comic and absurd in 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.

As an actor you may recognise Tony from his role in the cult BBC3 comedy *Ideal* where he played DJ Troy, Moz’s crazy, vinyl obsessed brother; or maybe you’ve seen DJ Troy’s latest reincarnation in the recent webseries *DJ Troy: The Siege Of Troy*.

Selection of stuff I’ve done:

Stand up comedian 25+ years playing Comedy Clubs in the UK and abroad.
1994 – present

2019 DJ Troy – The Seige Of Troy
Webseries. 17 episodes

2017
“Crimbo” Hour long W.I.P solo show Edinburgh
about growing up in Free Fringe
a big, catholic family 3 week run
up north.

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: Manchester Comedy Festival	1x90 minutes Stage Show	Kings Arms Salford
2012		
Half Man half Retro	6x30min Narrative Comedy	Development
The Skint Show	1x30min sketch show Filmed taster sketches	Development
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:		
Billy Was a Bag Head	1x30min	In Development BBC Comedy
Alan Partridge and Other less successful Characters	Stage Show (additional material)	UK 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 BBC Comedy North
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/ performer)	Universal DVD Release
2002		
Fire Salad	90 minutes Stage Play	Royal Exchange Studio Theatre
The Nightclass	5x 30min Narrative Comedy (co-written with Johnny Vegas and Tony Pitts)	BBC Radio4 Sony Bronze Winner
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 Live Floor 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 Rolfs Animal Hairdressers	1x 15min comedy lab Animation	Channel 4
1997 Teddy Sykes	1x30min mock-documentary	Granada ITV
1996 Comfortable Shoes	60minute Stage Play	Edinburgh Festival.
1995 The Comedy Zone	The Pleasance Cabaret Bar Edinburgh Festival	Comedy Showcase with Dave Gorman, Julian Barrat, Jason Freeman
1994	Edinburgh Festival	Comedy showcase with Roger Monkhouse, Lucy Porter and Danny Brown.
1993/1994 Up Front	Topical Show With Tony Wilson and Lucy Meacock	ITV / Granada
1993	Won North West City Life Comedian Of The Year. Runner up (3 rd) "So You Think Your Funny"	

