

**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*.

### **Tony Burgess: Comedian / Writer. Selection of stuff I’ve done**

Stand up comedian <b>1993 – present day</b>	30+ years playing Comedy Clubs in the UK and abroad.	
<b>1993</b> Stand Up	Won North West City Life Comedian Of The Year. Runner up (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) in “So You Think Your Funny” at the Edinburgh Festival.	
<b>1994</b> <b>1995</b> <b>1996</b> <b>1997</b> Stand Up	4x1hr One man Xmas shows at the Frog and Bucket, Manchester.	
<b>1993/1994</b> <b>Up Front</b> TV Show	Topical Show With Tony Wilson and Lucy Meacock Stand Up.	ITV / Granada
<b>1994</b> Stand Up	Edinburgh Festival Stand Up Showcase	

	With Roger Monkhouse.	
<b>1994-1999</b> Stand Up	National Comedy Network National University Tours Support and Closer	Avalon
<b>1995</b> Stand Up	Edinburgh Festival Stand Up Showcase with Roger Monkhouse, Lucy Porter and Danny Brown.	
<b>1995</b> The Comedy Zone	The Pleasance Cabaret Bar Edinburgh Festival	Stand Up Showcase with Dave Gorman, Julian Barrat, Jason Freeman
<b>1996</b> Comfortable Shoes Play	60minute Stage Play Writer / Performer	Edinburgh Festival. Manchester Festival
<b>1996</b> Stand Up	Jenny Éclair Tour Support National Theatre Tour	
<b>1997</b> Teddy Sykes “Moss Side” The Documentary.	1x30min mock-documentary <b>Writer / Performer</b>	Granada ITV
<b>1998-2000</b> The Eleven O’clock Show	3 Series. Approx 100 Episodes Channel 4 Topical Joke Writer.	Channel 4
<b>1998</b> Rolfs Animal Hairdressers	1x 15min comedy lab Experimental comedy animation Writer.	Channel 4
<b>1998-2000</b> The Treatment	Topical Sketch Show (Topical monologues and sketches.)	Radio5

Writer / performer.

**2000/2001**

The Live Floor Show

Series 1 and 2

BBC1 Scotland

Writer. Additional material.

**2001/2002**

The Brian Conley Show

series 1 and 2

ITV

Writer.

**2002**

Fire Salad

90 minutes Stage Play

Royal Exchange

Writer.

Studio Theatre

**2002**

The Nightclass

5x 30min Narrative Comedy  
(co-written with Johnny Vegas  
and Tony Pitts)

BBC Radio4

Sony Bronze

Winner

Writer.

**2003**

10 mile radius

1x30mins

Development

Comedy Drama

BBC Comedy

Writer

North.

**2003**

Lily Savage

Series 1 and 2

ITV

TV Show

Writer. Additional Material

**2003**

Doorway

90 minutes Stage Play

Royal Exchange

Writer.

Studio Theatre

**2003.**

Paul and Pauline

1x30 min

BBC3

Calf Cheese and Ham

(Stage Show Special for)

Sandwich

BBC3 opening night)

Writer.

**2003**

An Audience With Brian

1x60mins

ITV

Conley

Writer. Additional material.

**2003**

Johnny Vegas Who's ready for ice cream	1x60 minute DVD Writer / Performer	Universal DVD Release
<b>2004</b> The Farrell Coincidence	1x30min Comedy Drama Writer.	Development BBC Comedy.
<b>2004</b> BBC writers Bursary.	6 Month placement At BBC Comedy North Writer / Script Editor.	BBC Comedy.
<b>2004</b> Ideal series 1	8x30min Episodes Narrative Comedy Writer. Performer.	BBC3/BBC2
<b>2005</b> Ten Ninety Six.	1x30min Narrative Comedy Writer. Series Developed.	BBC3
The Shops	1x30min sketch show Writer.	Developed with Baby Cow Productions
<b>2006</b> Ideal series 2	8x30min Episodes Narrative Comedy Writer / Performer.	BBC3/2
<b>2007/2008</b> The Visit	6x 30minute Narrative Comedy Writer.	BBC 3 and BBC 1
<b>2009:</b> Steve Coogan: Alan Partridge and Other less successful Characters	Stage Show Writer	UK and Australian tour
<b>2009:</b> Johnny Vegas Live in Benidorm.	1x60min DVD Writer. Additional material.	DVD release
<b>2010</b> John Bishops Britain 1	7x30min	BBC1 / Objective

	Writer. Additional Material	Saturday Night Show
<b>2011</b>		
John Bishops Britain2	6x30min Writer	BBC1 / Objective Prime Time Saturday Night Show
<b>2012</b>		
Half Man half Retro	6x30min Narrative Comedy Writer.	Development - BBC
The Skint Show	1x30min sketch show Filmed taster sketches Writer.	Development
<b>2013</b>		
“A Different Drum”	6x30min Narrative Comedy Writer	BBC3 In Development BBC Comedy North
<b>2013:</b>		
Tony Burgess In Progress One man Show: Manchester Comedy Festival	Stand Up. 1x90 minutes Stage Show Writer / Performer.	Kings Arms Salford
<b>2014 /15</b>		
“Yeah Yeah Yeah”.	6x30 min Sitcom Pilot script Commissioned Rehearsed Read for BBC. Writer.	Developed with BBC Media City
<b>2017</b>		
“Crimbo”	<b>1 x 60 min</b> show Growing up in our big family up north. Writer. Performer.	Edinburgh Festival 3 week run.
<b>2019</b>		
DJ Troy	DJ Troy – The Seige Of Troy Webseries. 17 episodes Writer. Performer.	
<b>2 year break because of Coronavirus.</b>		
2022 -	Stand Up	



