

Funny women on tour

EXPRESS THEIR HUMOROUS VIEWS OF MODERN LIFE

JUDI LOVE

Who is the funniest person you know in real life?

My children; they have no filter. Their innocence just allows them to say what they feel and see.

Has comedy ever got you out of trouble?

Yes, when I was a child. In junior and secondary school I used it to distract the teacher and class. Maybe that was my acting ability.

Tell us a really funny thing that has happened to you in everyday life?

Once I was sleeping and could hear clompers outside my house. So being the nosy neighbour, I decided to have a peep. To my disbelief, it was my car. So I threw my clothes on and ran downstairs; full morning face and headscarf!

When I held up my arms to stop them, I hadn't done up my trousers and they began to fall down. I had to put a hand in the pocket to hold up the trousers, which were on back to front. I had the other hand holding up my breast! I looked a right mess.

The bailiffs started to back up and one stood there laughing. Meanwhile my kids were at the window shouting: 'Mum, we can see your knickers!' Guess what? They still clamped me.

What can we expect from the shows?

A fantastic mix of vibrant wom-

en that gives you an insight to their world.

What is the one thing about men you find funny?

They never can see when they are wrong. Their ability to lose all form of memory of what they promised and losing any form of romance they showed at the beginning of a relationship. Oh and of course, how they fall asleep straight after sex, and in fact anywhere, all the time once they reach 35!

What kind of comedy don't you find funny?

Bullying.

Tell us about anything funny that has happened to you on social media...

When I uploaded the wrong video on YouTube, the one where I was practicing. The video with me starting, stopping, talking to myself, walking off leaving the video recording and coming back. I deleted it as soon as I realised; amazingly it had 300 views.

Where do you draw your comic inspiration from?

My life, my late mother, culture, observation and reality.

Who is your comedy hero?

Whoopi Goldberg, Tiffany Haddish and Dave Chappelle.

Why do you love comedy?

Laughter is healing and can touch so many people from different backgrounds.



ANNETTE FAGON

Who is the funniest person you know in real life?

My mum. She doesn't mean or try to be funny, but she just is very abrupt, straightforward and often insulting. She's got Alzheimer's now and still has everyone in stitches.

Has comedy ever got you out of trouble?

Comedy has got me through everything in life. When I used to get cussed out in school by people, I'd add in further insults they forgot to include so the insult became a joke. Being able to laugh at myself (flaws and all) has made my life so much simpler than others.

Tell us a really funny thing that has happened to you in everyday life?

I struggled to think of anything funny I could share as most funny things that have happened to me are quite rude. I tried calling my friends for help, who had lots of suggestions, but even they agreed they were all too rude to share.

What can we expect from the shows?

Jokes, honesty, embarrassment, bitching and moaning.

What is the one thing about men you find funny?

Their willys.

What kind of comedy don't you find funny?

Jokes that insult someone with no humour involved.

Tell us something funny that has happened to you online...

Anytime I'm feeling down I watch this 20-second clip called: 'Cat beats itself up' and it never fails to crack me up. Sometimes I dribble and cry I'm laughing so hard. And it makes no sense as it's not even that funny.

It's basically a cat kicking itself in the face repeatedly. I think it's the noise the cat makes that cracks me up the most. My mum kind of spoilt it for me because when I showed it to her she didn't laugh.

In fact she was quite concerned for the mental wellbeing of the cat stating: 'It's obviously not right in the head,'

which came from someone with Alzheimer's (ironic). I told you my mum's funny.

Where do you draw your comic inspiration from?

My family are all a bunch of jokers. My brother was a big fan of comedy and once gave me a tape of Richard Pryor's *Wanted* show. I was about seven and laughed my backside off, even though I didn't understand a lot of it till I was older.

My sister is extremely funny and also does character comedy. Every comedy on TV I would watch like *French & Saunders*, *The Real McCoy*, *The Fast Show*, *Desmonds*, *Blackadder*, *Father Ted* and *Comic Strip*. There are shows I've watched and still quote today most people ain't even heard of.

Who is your comedy hero?

Richard Pryor, point blank. He changed the face of comedy

Why do you love comedy?

I don't love comedy! I love laughter as it's the best free gift that we have. It heals and unites people.

Priya Mulji



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Making broken beautiful again

THE Japanese have an art form called Kintsugi. What they do is; when a pot breaks, they fix it back together with gold and the parts that were broken look even more beautiful than they were in one piece. This column is about something similar.

When a woman or a man has their heart broken, it can break them into very small pieces from the inside and often they are hard to put back together. This person may not ever want to love again, meet someone or even think about it, but sometimes (possibly without wanting to) they do and think, maybe, just maybe, this person could mend their broken heart.

This column is one that I have wanted to write for a really long time, because I am that girl that has had their heart and soul broken on multiple occasions, but one time my heart was broken more than the other times. This person will never, ever know or even realise how much hurt and pain they caused me.

Recently, I (accidentally) came across the Instagram of 'that ex' and he was holidaying with his current girlfriend, and that image really struck me. It made me realise that perhaps he isn't someone I will ever get over. However we don't give up the hope of meeting someone.

When someone has their heart and soul broken, this is a setback for any future relationship and whoever falls in love with this person needs to be prepared for this. I have many close friends from all walks of life who have had the same happen to them; long-term relationships failing, meeting someone short-term, falling in love intensely and it not working out, being in love with a friend or work colleague. Just to be broken!

But say you're the person who falls in love with that broken girl (or guy) here are a few tips for you. Don't ever let them question what they mean to you; call them, arrange to meet, text regularly and never give up. But don't over do it. Just let them know that you're there for them while you give them space.

Remember trust and patience are really important. If they are giving you their time it obviously means something, but just give them time to get to know that you're not like the ex and love them for who they are.

Above all, don't give up on them, however hard the road may be. Love is hard to find and especially hard in the digital age where Tinder dates are aplenty. The road may be tough, but with a little sensitivity and patience, just like the Japanese, those pieces will be put back together again.

