

# Holly Walsh

*Snappy wit and crackling talent*  
**The Guardian**

## Awards:

- **Nominee:** Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Award, Best Newcomer Nominee, 2011
- **Winner:** Chortle Awards Best Newcomer 2008
- **Finalist:** Hackney Empire New Act Of The Year 2007
- **Finalist:** So You Think You're Funny Competition Finalist 2006
- **Finalist:** Funny Women Competition Finalist 2006

Holly Walsh is an award-winning comedian and writer.

Holly is currently working on scripts for a number of major broadcasters and in 2015 hosted her own BBC Radio series, **Best Behaviour**. She recently co-wrote the BBC sitcom pilot **Motherland** with Sharon Horgan, Graham Linehan and Helen Linehan which was released to widespread critical acclaim, with a second series confirmed. Holly is also the creator and writer of **The Other One**, which was piloted on BBC2 in 2017 and has had a full first series commissioned.

Holly's stand-up credentials were established with her 2008 Best Newcomer win at the Chortle Awards and confirmed with an Edinburgh Comedy Award nomination three years later for her debut Fringe show, **Hollycopter**. The show also enjoyed a sell-out run at the **Soho Theatre** in 2012. Holly returned to the Edinburgh Fringe in 2014 where her sold-out show **Never Had It** was warmly received by audiences and critics alike, most notably The Observer who lauded Holly's 'gift for original lines and images that make the show a joy.' In April 2015 she brought the show to London for a critically-acclaimed run at The Soho Theatre.

Holly has featured on many of the top TV comedy shows including **Live At The Apollo, QI, 8 Out of 10 Cats, 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown, Never Mind the Buzzcocks, Would I Lie To You?, QI** and **Mock The Week**, as well as hosting the Channel 4 series **TNT** alongside Jack Whitehall. She is often heard on radio and has appeared on shows such as **Just a Minute, The Unbelievable Truth, The Now Show, The News Quiz** and **Charlie Brooker's So Wrong It's Right** for Radio 4. As well as these guest appearances, Holly is much in demand as a writer for TV and radio and has written widely for both.

On top of her TV and radio commitments, Holly's live work remains a key element of her career and sees her perform at the best comedy clubs in the country. She was one of the founders of **Popcorn Comedy** and regularly comperes the **Happy Mondays** comedy night in London.

## Television

- QI (BBC2, 2016- 2019)
- Room 101 (BBC1, 2018)
- I'll Get This (BBC1, 2018)
- The Apprentice: You're Fired (BBC2, 2017)
- Parenting For Idiots (C4, 2017)

- 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (C4, 2014 - 2017)
- Live At The Apollo (BBC2, 2016)
- Roald Dahl's Most Marvelous Book (Channel 4, 2016)
- Pointless Celebrities (BBC1, 2016)
- Insert Name Here (BBC2, 2016)
- Danny Baker's Players' Lounge (BT Sport 1, 2015)
- Alan Davies As Yet Untitled (Dave, 2015)
- Mock the Week (BBC2, 2009 – 2015)
- Sweat the Small Stuff (BBC3, 2014)
- Comedy Central at The Comedy Store (Comedy Central, 2014)
- The Matt Lucas Awards, (BBC1, 2013)
- Deal or No Deal / 8 Out of 10 Cats Mash Up, (Channel 4, 2013)
- Celebrity Mastermind (BBC1, 2013)
- 8 Out of 10 Cats (Channel 4, 2009 – 2012)
- Jonathan Ross Film Show (Pilot) (ITV, 2012)
- Never Mind The Buzzcocks (BBC2 2009 -2012)
- The Mad Bad Ad Show (Channel 4, 2012)
- The Joy of the Single (BBC4 2012)
- Edinburgh Comedy Gala (BBC3, 2011)
- All Over The Place (CBBC, 2011)
- Comedy Summit (Pilot) (E4, 2011)
- Dave's One Night Stand (Dave, 2010)
- My So Called Life Sentence (pilot) (BBC2, 2010)
- The Blame Game (BBC N. Ireland, 2010)
- Would I Lie To You? (BBC 1, 2010)
- Celebrity Big Brother's Big Mouth (Channel 4, 2010)
- You Have Been Watching (C4, 2009 – 2010)
- TNT Show (Channel 4, 2009)
- Big Brother's Little Brother (Channel 4, 2009)
- Big Brother's Big Mouth (Channel 4, 2009)
- Sound Celebrity Stalker (BBC 2, 2009)
- Charlie Brooker's Newswipe (Pilot, 2009)
- Winging It (BBC Switch, 2009)
- Quarter Life Crisis (Current TV, 2009)
- The Late Edition (BBC4, 2008)
- Children's BBC (CBBC, 2008)
- Edinburgh & Beyond (Paramount Comedy Channel, 2008)
- Delta Forever (BBC3, 2008)
- Frank Skinner's Skateboarding Dog (pilot) 2007

## **Radio**

- The Unbelievable Truth, guest panelist, BBC Radio 4, 2016-2019
- The News Quiz, guest panelist, BBC Radio 4 2009-2017
- Just A Minute, guest panelist, BBC Radio 4, 2016
- Fighting Talk, guest panelist, BBC Radio 5Live 2016
- Museum Of Curiosity, panelist, BBC Radio 4 2016
- Best Behaviour, host and writer, BBC Radio 4 2015
- The Unbelievable Truth, panelist, Random Entertainment, BBC Radio 4 2014
- The Now Show, co-writer & performer, BBC Radio 4 2009 – 2014
- Britain vs The World, guest panelist, BBC Radio 4 2014
- Radio 4 Extra comedy, presenter links, BBC Radio 4 2014
- Just A Minute, guest panelist, BBC Radio 4 2014
- Wordaholics, guest panelist, BBC Radio 4 2014
- Fred McCauley & Co, guest, BBC Radio Scotland 2013 & 2014
- Al Murray's Seven Day Sunday, guest, BBC Radio 5 2013
- Nick Helm's Boxing Day, stand up contributor, BBC Radio 1

- Steven K Amos Show, stand up contributor, BBC Radio 4
- Frank Skinner Show, Depping – Avalon, Absolute Radio 2012
- International Waters, podcast 2012
- And the winner is... Guest panelist, BBC Radio 2, 2011
- Charlie Brooker's So Wrong It's Right Guest panelist BBC Radio 4 2010-11
- Roundtable Guest panelist BBC 6Music 2010-2014
- 7 Day Sunday Guest BBC Radio 5 2010 – 2011
- Act Your Age Guest Captain Radio 4 2010 - 2011
- Out To Lunch Stand up BBC R2 2008
- Act Your Age Guest Panelist BBC R4 2008
- Witty & Twisted - James Kettle's Skyscraping Ambitions Performer BBC7 2007

### **Live**

- Holly Walsh: Never Had It – Soho Theatre 2015
- Holly Walsh: Never Had It – Edinburgh Festival 2014
- Holly Walsh: Hollycopter – Soho Theatre 2012
- Holly Walsh: Hollycopter – Edinburgh Festival 2011
- Ross Noble Tour Support, 2011
- Leicester Comedy Festival Tour Stand Up National Tour 2009
- The Comedy Reserve Stand Up Pleasance, Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2008

### **Writing**

- Motherland, Series 1 & 2 (co-writer & creator) (BBC2, 2017 - 2019)
- The Other One (writer & creator) (BBC pilot 2017 – full series commissioned)
- Girl Band pilot (working title), writer, Leftbank / Channel 4 2014
- The Example pilot, writer & creator, Noho 2014
- Psychobitches Series 2, Hat Trick / Sky 2014
- Dead Boss, Executive Producer, Warner Bros, 2014
- Crackanory Series 2, Tiger Aspect / Dave 2014
- Best Friend (Working Title), film co-writer & co-creator, Big Talk / Pacific Standard Prods 2013
- 88 Keys non-TX pilot, writing contributor Big Talk / BBC 2013
- Crackanory Series 1, Tiger Aspect / Dave 2013
- Bad Management, co-writer/creator & co-producer, ABC Productions 2013
- Cardinal Burns, Series 2, Left Bank / Channel 4 2013
- Psychobitches Series 1, Hat Trick / Sky 2013
- Anna & Katy, Roughcut / Channel 4 2013
- Dead Boss, co-writer/creator, BBC3 2012
- Bad Mom, co-writer, ABC Productions 2012
- My So Called Life Sentence pilot Co-writer with Sharon Horgan BBC 2010
- V-EYE-P writing contributor BBC3 2010
- Bigipedia writing contributor BBC Radio 2009
- The News Quiz writing contributor BBC R4 2009
- Broken Arts writing contributor BBC R4 2009
- Talking and Not Talking (with Laura Solon) S2 & S3 writing contributor BBC R4 2008 - 2009
- The Anna & Katy Show (pilot) writing contributor BBC R2 2008
- The Wall writing contributor BBC3 2008
- Laurence & Gus - Hearts & Minds S2 & S3 writing contributor BBC Radio 4 2008
- The Charlotte Church Show writing contributor Channel 4 2007
- Grrrrr writer, BBC Scotland 2007
- It's That Jo Caulfield Again S2 & S3 writing contributor BBC Radio 4 2006 - 2007

### **Press Comments**

*She's gifted with snappy wit and crackling talent*

#### **The Guardian**

*She peppers her set with callbacks and clever asides and has easy charm*

#### **Independent**

*Holly Walsh really impressed...excellent sets and endeared herself through some assured banter with crowds who really took to her*

**British Comedy Guide**

*A talent for smart comic writing and the ability to keep an audience rapt*

**The Observer**

### **On 2014 Edinburgh Show *Never Had It***

*Her steady stream of witty and astute cultural observations belie her dorkiness from the first*

**Chortle**

*She actually has plenty of "it": if "it" is the ability to craft intelligent and inviting gags.*

**The Times**

*Walsh says she doesn't have it, but she definitely does have it if it means the ability to keep an audience laughing non-stop for an hour... a lightness of touch, springing punchlines on us when we least expect it.*

**Bruce Dessau, Beyond The Joke**

*Her gift for original lines and images that make this show a joy*

**The Observer**

*Wonderful*

**Metro**

*Brilliantly understated comic and comedy writer who claims to have a lack of charisma, yet weaves a relentlessly high gag count into her stories*

**The Times**

*A meticulously well prepared and delivered Fringe show.*

**Chortle**

### **On 2011 Fosters nominated Edinburgh Show *The Hollycopter***

*Delightful moments of hilarity*

**Chortle**

*Skilfully paced*

**The Independent**

*Wry asides and delicate puns...genuinely endearing.*

**Fest Mag**

*Less than a week into her debut run she is confident and composed.*

*A bubbly and infectious persona that is complimented by abilities as a writer and performer. She has crafted a well-honed piece with plenty of laughs, a satisfying story and even a joyous conclusion...She will go a long way.*

**Chortle**

*Original humour...hilarious narrative anyone can relate to.*

**Three Weeks**



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