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ROBERT ROSS

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Having extensively toured the country, and lectured across the world on cruise ships, respected author and comedy historian Robert Ross (author of *The Carry On Companion*), brings you a variety of laughter and social history to celebrate comedy at its best.



FORGOTTEN HEROES OF COMEDY

The Golden Age of Television was blessed with some of the best-loved of comedians, but why are Eric & Ernie and Tommy Cooper and Frankie Howerd so fondly remembered, while Arthur Haynes and Charlie Drake and Harry Worth languish in the archives?

These and other once celebrated stars, from the silent days of Hollywood to the comedy club boom, at last come under the spotlight in this affectionate tribute to the comedy also-ran. There'll also be room for arguably the funniest film ever made, its stars amongst those forgotten heroes of comedy...forgotten no longer. An enthusiastic celebration by comedy historian Robert Ross, the show is a companion piece to his latest book, in which such turns as dazzling impressionist Florence Desmond, slapstick maestro Derek Royle, and neglected third stooge Shemp Howard are reappraised. Expect laughs from the most obscure corners of comedy history and hilarious, rare clips from the vaults.

**"ROBERT IS A FINE WRITER, AN
INVALUABLE COMEDY HISTORIAN AND
AN ALL ROUND GOOD CHAP."**

Bill Oddie OBE

OH, WHAT A CARRY ON!

CELEBRATING MORE THAN 60 YEARS OF A COMEDY CLASSIC

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They've been Cruising, they've been Camping. They've even been ...Up the Khyber; but now the beloved Carry Ons are coming to you!



Britain's Comedy Historian and the official chronicler of the series, Robert Ross, presents an affectionate salute to celebrate sixty glorious years of the Carry On films, taking you behind the scenes of a comedy institution. In the March of 1958 cameras started rolling on a cheap and cheerful black and white comedy about the madcap exploits of a bunch of hapless National Service recruits. The film was Carry On Sergeant and its popularity kick-started British film's most endearing franchise.

Nothing sums up the deliciously bawdy and raucous British sense of humour more than the Carry Ons. For more than 60 years, their heady mix of innuendo, pratfalls, and love of a damned good time has entertained millions around the world. The flaring nostrils of Kenneth Williams, the crumpled leer of Sid James, the cheeky giggle of Barbara Windsor, and the bespectacled high camp of Charles Hawtrey remain a vital part of the national bloodstream. This is the Carry On story. Naughty but nice...

**"ROBERT IS A ONE-MAN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF
THE VERY BEST OF BRITISH COMEDY."**

Jim Dale MBE

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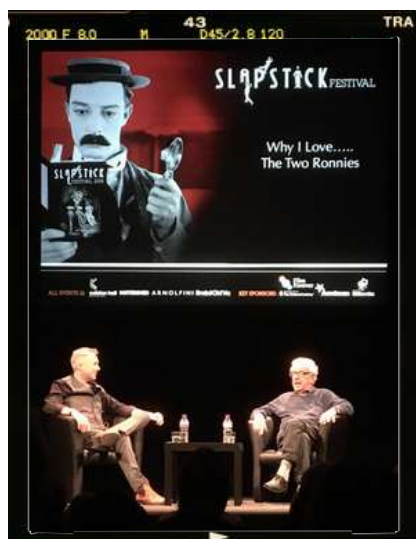
SAUCY SEVENTIES COMEDY

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The 1970s: a decade long accused of lacking in both taste and decorum but always celebrated as a golden era when comedy was at its peak. In this long overdue reappraisal,



Britain's Comedy Historian Robert Ross shares merry memories and lifts the lid on what made the '70s such a fertile time for such favourites as Benny Hill, Dick Emery, Frankie Howerd, the Two Ronnies, the Carry On team, and many more too humorous to mention!

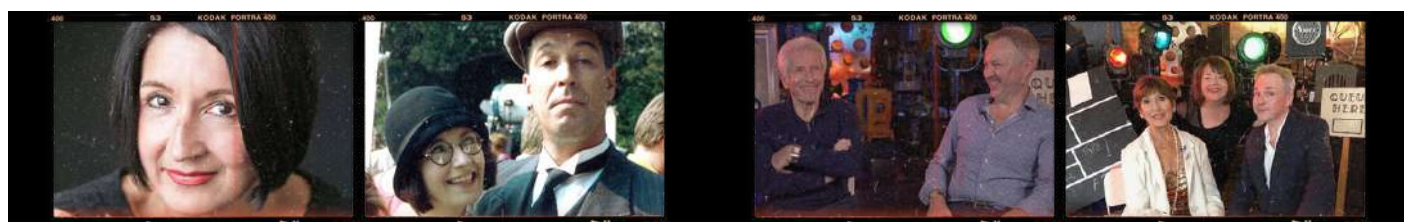


ROBERT ROSS REQUESTS THE PLEASURE:

IN CONVERSATION WITH...

With well over twenty years experience of writing about the history of Show Business, Robert Ross has made firm friendships with some of the funniest and most fascinating names in comedy.

In this intimate and hilarious series of in personal and up close interview shows, Robert flicks through his bulging address book to present a legendary star name - or even two - who will share unforgettably funny tales from behind the scenes. Shameless name-dropping is to be expected!



N.B. The stars in the photos above are suggestions, and subject to availability.

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CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

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It's Christmas: that joyous time of year when mince pies and mulled wine are shared over a few carols, and the whole family gathers round the telly to watch their comedy favourites.

Whether it's Laurel and Hardy selling fir trees off the back of their Model T Ford, Sid James as a department store Father Christmas, or the Two Ronnies reinventing Walt Disney's Pinocchio as a murderous killer doll, these hilarious ghosts of Christmases past are an integral part of the festive season. And, of course, they'll be Eric 'n' Ernie! But perhaps like you've never seen them before...

A FUNNY WAY TO MAKE A LIVING

IN CONVERSATION WITH GEMMA ROSS...

Having spread a little laughter during the darkest days of lockdown, with daily YouTube films, interactive book clubs, and other comedy-geared performances, Britain's comedy historian Robert Ross and glamorous sidekick interrogator Gemma Ross are now live and lively - before your very eyes!



Whether it's the hilarious trials and tribulations of working the Edinburgh Fringe Festival or playing the seven seas on outrageous themed cruises, Robert's twenty-five years as a professional writer and broadcaster, celebrating the funny for money, provides a fund of anecdotes, misadventures, and name drops...

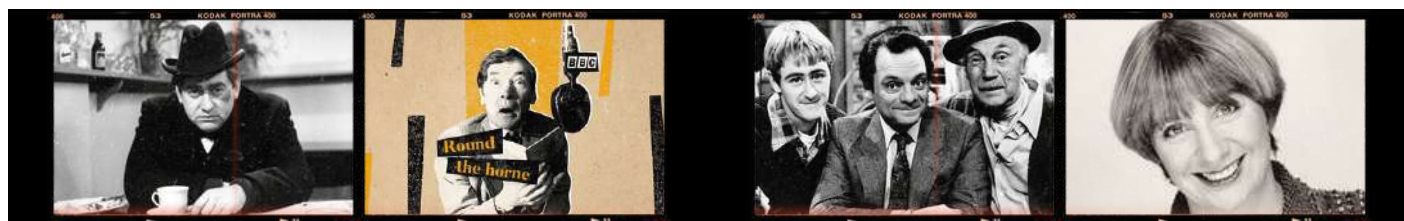
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100 YEARS OF BBC COMEDY

WRITTEN & PRESENTED BY ROBERT ROSS

The British Broadcasting Corporation opened for business in October 1922, and in that century has delivered some of the world's funniest and best-loved programmes. In this affectionate, clip-stuffed retrospective Robert Ross is your guide through the historical innovations and hilarious highlights, including everybody from Tony Hancock to Victoria Wood; and Basil Fawlty to Del Boy.



VENUE SPECIFIC TO FILM AND TELEVISION HISTORY

DOES YOUR VENUE HAVE LINKS TO FILM & TELEVISION HISTORY?

In addition to these shows, Robert can present an exclusive tribute to your venue, revealing behind-the-scenes stories of the many films and television productions that have used your venue as a location: Whether it be a spine-tingling horror to ribald hilarity.



CONTACTING US

If you would like Robert to host one of his shows at your venue you can contact us at **enquiries@robertross.co.uk**

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FORMER APPEARANCES

Robert continues to work with some of the following organisations:

- P&O Cruises
- The National Theatre
- The BFI
- The Cinema Museum
- Museum of Comedy
- Bristol Slapstick Festival
- Edinburgh Festival Fringe
- York Theatre Royal
- Leicester Comedy Festival
- Cruise Maritime Voyages
- Langham Hotel Eastbourne