



HELEN KEEN

PERSONAL DETAILS

Location: London
Height:
Playing Age:
Role Types: White
Eye Colour: Brown
Hair Colour: Brown
Hair Length: Long

SKILLS

Accents & Dialects: (* = native) RP*, Yorkshire*
Languages: (* = mother tongue) English* French
Performance: stand-up, compere

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AWARDS & NOMINATIONS:

Comedian in Residence at Newcastle Centre for Life Science Village, 2011

Winner of first **Channel 4's New Comedy Writers' Award**, 2005

Winner, **Best Individual Comedy Performance** at **Buxton Fringe Festival**, 2008

The Primitive Methodist Guide to Arctic Survival - Nominated for Buxton Festival Fringe Awards for Best New Writing and Best Individual Comedy Performance

2009 Nominated for **Best Comedy Show** at **Buxton Fringe Festival**, 2008

Nominated for **Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year**, 2008

Finalist in the **Hackney Empire New Act of the Year** Competition, 2006

Finalist in **Funny Women** competition at the Comedy Store, London, 2005

TELEVISION

Gigglebiz (Comedy sketch show) CBBC, 2009 Writer

The Sunnymead Centre (Pilot), BBC3, 2008 Writer (additional material)

Half Life, Channel 4 commissioned half hour sitcom script Writer/creator, 2007

The Friday Night Project, Channel 4, 2006 Writer (additional material)

Dog Almighty, Channel 4 Comedy Lab, 2006 Writer (additional material)

Dog Face, E4, 2006 Commissioned writer

RADIO

The Seventh Dimension, BBC Radio 4 Extra Guest presenter

It Is Rocket Science! (four-part series recorded in front of live studio audience) BBC Radio 4, 2010 & new series to come in 2012 - Writer/Performer

The Infinite Monkey Cage panel guest, *So you want to be an astronaut?*

Suffragettes! (Pilot script) BBC Radio, 2010 – Writer

The Alternative Women's Institute (Pilot), BBC Radio 4, 2007 – Writer (additional material)

Sketchzilla (Pilot), BBC Radio 4, 2006 – Writer

The Now Show, BBC Radio 4, 2006 - Writer (series 1-3)

The Milk Run, BBC Radio 1, 2004-5 - Regular Contributor as Writer/Performer

ONLINE

History Crunch (Pilot), BBC Factual, 2009 – Writer

Cashpoint (Sketch series) BBC Online – Writer

LIVE

Helen Keen: Robot Woman of The Future, new solo show currently previewing.

Bright Club: Stars, Bloomsbury Theatre, 2011, performer

Spacetacular! Compere and co-organiser

Bright Club (London, Newcastle, Dundee) Compere

Uncaged Monkeys - Guest performer

It Is Rocket Science! (Live show on which BBC Radio 4 series is based. - Writer/Performer

It Is Rocket Science! V2, Festival Tour, 2010 - Writer/Performer

Robin Ince's School for Gifted Children, E4 Udderbelly & Space Special, 2010 - Performer

The Primitive Methodist Guide to Arctic Survival, Festival tour, 2010 - Writer/Performer

The Primitive Methodist Guide to Arctic Survival, Edinburgh Festival, 2009 - Writer/Performer

Night of 400 Billion Stars, Bloomsbury Theatre, 2009 - Performer

It Is Rocket Science! National Tour, 2009 - Writer/Performer

It Is Rocket Science! Edinburgh Festival, 2008 - Writer/Performer

It Is Rocket Science! Buxton Comedy Festival, 2008

Second Annual Tribute to Malcolm Hardee, Hackney Empire, 2007 - Performer

WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID

It Is Rocket Science

"A pithy sweet programme... with a joke-stuffed script" (**Miranda Sawyer, The Observer**)

"Informed, enthusiastic and funny" (**Daily Mail**)

"Irreverent comedy and aerospace engineering don't seem an obvious fit, but *It Is Rocket Science!* proves that fact based boffin buffoonery works" (**The Guardian**)

"Quirky, offbeat and original... plenty of jokes, but also sharp sketches... Helen Keen is clearly someone to watch" (**Sunday Times**)

Live

"Startlingly fine entertainment... crisp, sophisticated comedy" (**The Guardian**)

"It's a spellbinding hour. Her passion for the subject is genuine and she has an uncanny ability to turn obscure details into hilarious anecdotes." (**The Skinny**)

"Adorably eccentric... A marvellous fusion of laughs and learning, *It is Rocket Science!* embodies all the best things about intellectual comedy. Smart without being elitist, and with just the right amounts of sincerity and sarcasm from its host" (**Spoonfed**)