

FRANK SKINNER

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William Cook, The Guardian

"Britain's sharpest comic mind."

Andy Coulson, The Sun



DETAILS

Location: London
Height: 177cm
Playing Age: 31 - 50 years
Role Types: White
Eye Colour: Brown
Hair Colour: Light/Mid Brown
Hair Length: Short

SKILLS

Accents & Dialects: (* = native)

Australian, Birmingham, Black Country*, Cockney, French, German, Glasgow, Italian, London, Northern Irish, RP, Scandinavian, Southern Irish, Standard American, Standard Scots, Standard Welsh

Languages: (* = mother tongue)

English*, German

Music & Dance: (* = highly skilled)

Baritone, Guitar

Performance:

After Dinner Speaker, Comedy, Commentating, Compere, Radio Presenting, Stand-up Comic, TV Presenting, Voice Over

Vehicle Licences: Car

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TELEVISION

Frank Skinner's Opinionated, BBC Two, 2010
Presenter

Panorama, BBC One, 2009
Presenter

A Question of Sport, BBC One, 2008
Guest Pannellist

Nevermind the Buzzcocks, BBC Two, 2008
Guest Team Captain

Have I Got News for You, BBC One, 2008
Guest Team Captain and Guest Panellist

Uncle Max Goes to the Museum, CBBC / BBC One, 2008
'Security Guard'

A Question of Sport Relief, BBC One, 2008
Guest

The Culture Show, BBC Two, 2007
Presenter

Frank Skinner's Tough Gig, ITV1, 2007
Performer

Play It Again, ITV1, 2006
Performer

The Frank Skinner Show [Series 4 – 9], ITV1, 1999 – 2006
Writer/Host

Baddiel and Skinner Unplanned [Series 1 – 5], ITV1, 2000 -
2005
Performer with David Baddiel

Shane, ITV1, 2004
Writer/ 'Shane'

Fantasy Football: Euro 2004, ITV1, 2004
Host with David Baddiel

The Frank Skinner Show with Britney Spears, ITV1, 2002
Writer/Host

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?, ITV1, 2001
Guest with David Baddiel

Kimonos For Goalposts, ITV1, 2001
Presenter

Frank Skinner On Frank Skinner, ITV1, 2001
Presenter

The Frank Skinner Christmas Show, BBC One, 1998
Writer/Host

A Little Bit Of Elvis, ITV1, 1998
Presenter

The Frank Skinner Show [Series 1 – 3], BBC One, 1995 –
1998
Writer/Host

Fantasy Football League, ITV1, 1998
Host with David Baddiel

The Alphabet Show, PlayUK, 1998
Writer/Host

Gas, Channel 4, 1998
Performer

Balls To Africa, BBC One, 1996
Presenter

This Is Your Life 'Frank Skinner', BBC One, 1995
Guest

Grandstand, BBC One, 1994
Guest Commentator

Blue Heaven, Channel 4, 1994
Writer/ 'Frank Sandford'

Packing Them In, Channel 4, 1992
Writer/ 'Frank'

Packet Of Three, Channel 4, 1991
Writer/ 'Frank'

RADIO AND ONLINE

Baddiel and Skinner's Absolute Radio Podcast, Absolute
Radio, 2010
Presenter with David Baddiel

Frank Skinner, Absolute Radio, 2009 –
Presenter

Genius, Radio Four, 2008
Guest

Euro 2008, The Times Online, 2008
Online columnist

World Cup Podcast, The Times Online, 2006
Presenter with David Baddiel

UK Radio Aid Day, Commercial Radio, 2005
Guest

The Rotters Club, BBC Radio 4, 2004
Performer

PRINT

The Times, 2009 –
Weekly columnist

Frank Skinner On The Road, Random House, 2008
Book

The Game, The Times Supplement, 2002
Regular Columnist

Frank Skinner by Frank Skinner, Random House, 2001
Book

RELEASES

Frank Skinner Live From Birmingham's National Indoor Arena, Universal, 2008
DVD

Frank Skinner by Frank Skinner, Random House, 2005
Audio book

Baddiel and Skinner's Fantasy Football 2004, 2 Entertain, 2004
DVD

Baddiel & Skinner Unplanned Live From London's West End, Momentum Pictures, 2001
DVD

Frank Skinner Live in Birmingham, PT Video, 1998
VHS Video

Three Lions 98, Epic, 1998
CD/Cassette Single

Three Lions, Epic, 1996
CD/Cassette Single

Frank Skinner Live At The London Palladium, PNE Video, 1996
VHS Video

Fantasy Football League, 2 Entertain, 1994
VHS Video

Frank Skinner: Live At The Apollo, 4 Front Video, 1994
VHS Video

Frank Skinner – Live, Vision Video Ltd, 1992
VHS Video

LIVE

Please note this does not list all of Frank Skinner's live shows

Frank Skinner's Credit Crunch Cabaret, London Lyric Theatre, 2009
Compere

Secret Policeman's Ball, Albert Hall, 2008
Headline

Frank Skinner | Stand-Up, National Tour, 2007
Solo Stand Up Show

Frank Skinner | Stand-Up, Edinburgh Festival, 2007
Solo Stand Up Show

Cooking With Elvis, London West End, 2000
Performer

Art, London West End, 1999
Performer

Baddiel & Skinner Unplanned, Edinburgh Festival, 1998
Performer

Frank Skinner, National Tour, 1997
Solo Stand Up Show

Frank Skinner, Melbourne Comedy Festival, 1997
Solo Stand Up Show

Frank Skinner, National Tour, 1994
Solo Stand Up Show

Frank Skinner, Edinburgh Festival, 1991
Solo Stand Up Show

Pre 1991

After a trip to the Edinburgh Festival Frank experienced his "*road to Damascus moment*" and was inspired to begin his career as a stand-up. His first gig in December 1987 was "*at the Birmingham Anglers Association...I died on my arse.*"

Forced by the lack of comedy venues in Birmingham, Frank spent weekends performing unpaid spots on London's cabaret circuit, sleeping in the back of his 1967 Vauxhall Viva, whilst still holding down a number of day jobs.

Frank formed his own club in Birmingham where he compered weekly, building up a loyal, local following. This culminated in sell-out shows at the 2000 seater Birmingham Town Hall. All of this was prior to his TV career.

In 1987 Frank spent £400 of his £435 savings on booking a venue at The Pleasance Theatre for the 1988 Edinburgh Festival.

AWARDS

Winner – Sony Radio Academy Silver Award for 'Frank Skinner on Absolute Radio', 2010

Nominated – Golden Rose Of Montreaux for 'The Frank Skinner Show', 2002

Winner – British Entertainment Personality of the Year, 2001

Nominated – Golden Rose Of Montreaux for ‘Baddiel & Skinner Unplanned’, 2001

Winner – Variety Club Award for Comedy, 2001

Winner – NME Award for Music Event Of The Year for ‘Three Lions’, 1997

Nominated – Royal Television Society Awards for Best Comedy for ‘Fantasy Football League’, 1996

Nominated – Royal Television Society Awards for Best Comedy for ‘The Frank Skinner Show’, 1995

Winner - VHE Award of Excellence – Top Comedy Programme for ‘Fantasy Football League’, 1994

Winner – Perrier Award, Edinburgh Festival, 1991

WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID

"You could put Skinner down in front of any audience at any time and he would have it in stitches ...a joyous saboteur of television's bloated sense of self importance whose timeless classical bawdiness embraces all alternative and mainstream tastes."

William Cook, The Guardian

"The likeable unreconstructed Skinner is the king of pure, transcendental post-PC Stand Up comedy."

Bruce Dessau, The London Evening Standard

"Raucous, inspired...perilously rude and raunchy."

Victoria Coombe, Daily Telegraph

"His current popularity is such that if he actually decided to run for political office it is hard to know who would stop him."

Ben Thompson, Independent on Sunday

"Frank's imminent success will put an end to humdrum life as we know it."

Martin James, The Sunday Times

"Frank is a terrifically gifted individual who consistently out-funnies his contemporaries."

Deborah Ross, Mail On Sunday

"Frank Skinner is the funniest man in Britain. I rest my case."

Jon Wilde, Loaded Magazine

"Frank Skinner is the best loved stand-up comedian in Britain."

Sylvia Patterson, Sky Magazine

"Britain's sharpest comic mind."

Andy Coulson, The Sun

STAND-UP 2007

"He prowls the NIA stage with as much spunk as any of the rock gods that play here, his new gold tooth glinting out from the three megascreens high above the stage...Skinner marshals his material brilliantly, interacting with the crowd or launching into set pieces as if it were all part of the same spontaneous thought process. He's one of the few comics who can play a room this big because, like Billy Connolly or Victoria Wood, his language is so evocative: "like a lizard's inner thigh," he says of his laugh lines. One man and a mike becomes a vivid visual experience."

Dominic Maxwell, The Times

"The pay-off to one blue anecdote elicited such hard laughter, I thought I'd developed lockjaw"

Mark Wareham, The Mail on Sunday

"For someone who has not done a stand-up tour for 10 years, Frank Skinner showed no signs of having been away from the circuit when he came back to his roots for a sold-out show in Birmingham. His laugh-a-minute performance at The NIA last night held the audience's attention from start to finish and proved why he is still considered one of the nation's favourite comedians"

Michelle Pearson, Express & Star

"It's his delivery that is most likely to draw you in since Skinner is a veteran when it comes to cheeky, laid-back audience repartee...A decade on, it certainly looks like he hasn't taken his eye off the ball."

Sharon Lougher, Metro

"If you only see one comedian this month see Frank Skinner, who... brilliantly proves that mainstream stand-up can be clever."

Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard

Three Lions

*"The biggest Britpop hit of '96 **Three Lions** was unabashedly English and insinuated itself into every Briton's brain. The refrain 'Thirty years of hurt never stopped us dreaming' made eyes well up with tears - the song was called the new national anthem."*

David Kamp, Vanity Fair

The Frank Skinner Show

"Frank's new series has proved once again what an engaging chat show host he can be."

Sunday Express S:2 Magazine

"His topical sketches can be very funny, and with more than ten million viewers tuning into his last series he is guaranteed good guests."

Lisa Verrico The Times T2

*"The best entertainment show around is **The Frank Skinner Show**, not least because the host is the most naturally funny person on television. He might even be the most naturally funny person in the world."*

Jaci Stephen, Mail On Sunday

"The best thing on terrestrial TV..."

Garry Johnson, The Sun

"The best comedy show."

Nigel Andrew, Daily Mail

"A treat!"

Mary Novakovich, The Guardian

*"The return of the **Frank Skinner Show** is a truly welcome prospect."*

The Daily Telegraph

"Frank Skinner is back and in cracking form."

Matthew Wright, The Mirror

"Funny and arresting entertainment."

Omer Ali, Time Out

"A fail safe formula that is thankfully unreliant on the celebrity PR treadmill."

Mail On Sunday

"Delightfully funny."

The Observer

*"Frank Skinner is one of the most likeable and consistently funny men on British TV. The third series of **The Frank Skinner Show** has rapidly established itself as the TV event of the week for over 7 million viewers."*

Dominic Smith, Heat Magazine

"The King Of Comedy!"

Tv and Satellite Week

"The best chat show on telly."

TV Quick

"Another great show from Frank Skinner."

The Sunday People

"I still laugh thinking about it... superbly funny."

Ian Hislop, The Spectator

"A brilliant mixture of his own irreverent stand-up observations backed with a chaotic mixture of weird clips and weird people."

Chris Tarrant, News Of The World

"British TV has finally come up with a Letterman equivalent, a chat show host who devastatingly outwits his guests and becomes a bigger star with every show. Skinner's strength is his demotic Brummie amiability, his genuineness. The respect and admiration he has for his guests is a trait that hasn't been seen on chat-shows since Michael Parkinson."

Tom Lappin, The Scotsman

Fantasy Football

"The comedy programme that has spawned the best new double act on television: Skinner and Baddiel."

James Rampton, The Independent

"A rare, terrific innovation in BBC comedy."

Jasper Rees, Independent On Sunday

"Frank Skinner and David Baddiel trot out to a rapturous roar from the nation's living rooms."

Martin James, The Sunday Times

"One of the best comedy programmes and the best football show on the telly... excellent."

Laura Lee Davies, Time Out Magazine

"Fantasy Football is a huge hit show... totally hilarious. Baddiel and Skinner's take on bloke life in a trivia-filled flat is funniness and foolery on a giant scale. A laughterfest!"

David Quantick, Q Magazine

"David Baddiel and Frank Skinner's BBC2 series was one long celebration of the free-masonry of football fandom... the recreations of famous scenes of footballing history were just sheer bliss."

David Thomas, Daily Telegraph

*"Successfully skirting the grinning blandness of its contemporaries... **Fantasy Football League** has been a huge hit."*

John Marriot, Daily Mail

"A great season for Baddiel and Skinner whose wit factor has proved entertainingly consistent."

Andrew Pulver, The Guardian

"You'd be a fool to miss the soccer shenanigans that have captivated the football lovers of the nation."

Caroline Westbrook, Empire Magazine