

JENNY ECLAIR

Proving that there's life in the old dog, off JENNY ECLAIR goes again with a brand new stand-up show. Having dug up some fresh new comedy bones, the *Perrier Award* winner and self-appointed Grumpy Head Girl is back, wagging her arthritic tail and will be performing Old Dog, New Tricks across 46 UK dates from 15th September 2010 until 19th February 2011. This autumn also sees the release of JENNY's new book, Chin Up Britain: Restoring Common Sense to the Nation, on 4th October.

JENNY is fifty years old which in dog years would qualify for *The Guinness Book of Records*. Having recently been de-wormed and with her teeth newly bleached, she'll be prancing around the regions, basically doing her comedy tricks for a 'nice biscuit and maybe a glass of Chardonnay', proving yet again that she's got what it takes to be an award winner (Crufts 1982).

Don't expect anything that involves balancing stuff on her nose or jumping through hoops, her hips are too big and she has a tendency to fall over. However do expect a Lady Gaga tribute and possibly some dancing on her back legs. Plus some young male pup support from recent fashionable litter. Good Dog Jenny!

JENNY ECLAIR has been a stand up comic since the last millennium: she was the first woman to win the coveted *Perrier Award* and hasn't stopped banging on about it ever since. She is also the Grumpy Old Women Team Captain, having co-written and starred in the live versions of the show. Additionally she has done 'acting' on Skins and The Bill and is an acclaimed writer (sometimes it's nice to just sit down), author of Camberwell Beauty and Having a Lovely Time and non fiction books including The Book of Bad Behaviour, Grumpy Old Couples and Wendy: The Bumper Book of Fun for Women of a Certain Age (the latter two were co-written with Judith Holder).

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What the press said about Jenny's 2007/08 tour, Because I Forgot To Get A Pension

"It is hard to imagine anyone making greater comic capital of midlife alarm than Eclair."

Brian Logan, The Guardian

*"Some of the best one liners you'll hear this year...
the sold-out crowd adored every vulgar, self obsessed quip."*

Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard

"The one-liners she sprays out so liberally are often absolute crackers."

Dominic Maxwell, The Times

*"An event that both entertains and informs.
In one show, Jenny Eclair delivers both sharp gags and financial advice.
Who knows, it may save you money in the long run."*

Alun Palmer, The Mirror

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TOUR DATES

September		
Wednesday 15 th	LONDON Millfield Arts Centre	020 8807 6680
Friday 17 th	HEREFORD The Courtyard	01432 340 555
Saturday 25 th	FOLKESTONE Quarter House	01303 858 500
Monday 27 th	DERBY Guildhall	01332 255 800
Wednesday 29 th	SHREWSBURY Theatre Severn	01743 281 281
October		
Friday 1 st	MARGATE Winter Gardens	01843 292 795
Sunday 3 rd	WELLINGBOROUGH The Castle	01933 270 007
Tuesday 5 th	BASINGSTOKE Anvil	01256 844 244
Wednesday 6 th	WIMBORNE Tivoli Theatre	01202 885 566
Friday 8 th	BRADFORD St George's Hall	01274 432 000
Friday 15 th	ANDOVER The Lights	01264 368 368
Saturday 16 th	CANTERBURY Gulbenkian	01227 769 075
Friday 22 nd	WORTHING Pavilion	01903 206 206
Saturday 23 rd	NEWBURY Corn Exchange	01635 522 733
Tuesday 26 th	CAMBRIDGE Junction	01223 511 511
Thursday 28 th	BATH Komedia	0845 293 8480
Friday 29 th	ALDERSHOT Princes Hall	01252 329 155
Sunday 31 st	SALFORD Lowry, The Quays	0843 208 6000
November		
Wednesday 3 rd	BOURNEMOUTH Pavilion Ballroom	0844 576 3000
Thursday 4 th	TUNBRIDGE WELLS Assembly Theatre	01892 530 613
Friday 5 th	CHATHAM Central Theatre	01634 338 338
Saturday 6 th	TEWKESBURY Roses Theatre	01684 295 074
Sunday 7 th	READING Hexagon	01189 606 060
Tuesday 9 th	HARROGATE Theatre	01423 502 116
Wednesday 10 th	WARRINGTON Parr Hall	01925 442 345
Tuesday 16 th	LANCASHIRE Ace Centre	01282 661 080
Wednesday 17 th	INVERNESS Ironworks	0871 7894 173
Thursday 18 th	ABERDEEN Music Hall	01224 641 122
Friday 19 th	LANCASTER Grand Theatre	01524 646 95
Saturday 20 th	TELFORD Oakengates Theatre	01952 382 382
Wednesday 24 th	PONTARDAWE Arts Centre	01792 863 722
Friday 26 th	COLCHESTER Arts Centre	01206 500 900
Sunday 28 th	BRIGHTON Komedia	0845 293 8480
Tuesday 14 th	DARLINGTON Arts Centre	01325 486555

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December		
Thursday 2 nd	SWINDON Wyvern Theatre	01793 524 481
Friday 3 rd	MAIDENHEAD Nordern Farm Arts Centre	01628 788 997
Thursday 9 th	TAUNTON Brewhouse	01823 283 244
Saturday 11 th	NORWICH Playhouse	01603 598 598
January		
Saturday 29 th	BRISTOL Tobacco Factory	0117 902 0344
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February		
Friday 4 th	BARNSLEY Civic Theatre	0845 1800 363
Saturday 5 th	STOCKTON ON TEES ARC	01642 525 199
Friday 11 th	KENDAL Brewery Arts	01539 725 133
Tuesday 16 th	LANCASHIRE Ace Centre	01282 661 080
Friday 18 th	CHELTENHAM Town Hall	0844 576 2210
Saturday 19 th	WORCESTER Huntingdon Halls	01905 611 427

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Comedian, writer and stand up JENNY ECLAIR was the first woman to win the *Perrier Award*, and recently co-wrote and starred in Grumpy Old Women Live 2: Chin Up Britain on tour and in London's West End. In 2007 she returned to her stand-up roots with her Because I Forgot To Get A Pension tour, which was extended due to demand for tickets. She has hosted her own show on LBC radio, and is a regular contributor on shows such as BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour, Banter and Just a Minute. JENNY has also presented Meter Mad and Drawn to be Wild (both BBC Radio 4).

JENNY performed and co-wrote (with JULIE BALLOO) The Andy Warhol Syndrome – a play about celebrity – at the 2004 Edinburgh Festival, London's Fringe and on tour around the UK. As an actress, she has also starred in a number of West End productions including Steaming, Mum's The Word and The Vagina Monologues.

JENNY has co-written Wendy and Grumpy Old Couples with JUDITH HOLDER. She has also written three novels: The Book of Bad Behaviour, published in 1994, followed by Camberwell Beauty in 2000 and Having a Lovely Time in 2005. She is a respected critic, and was on the judging panel for the 2006 *Orange Prize for Fiction*.

JENNY's TV appearances include Skins (Channel 4), Al Murray's Multiple Personality Disorder (ITV1) Comedy Map of Britain, Grumpy Old Women, The Grumpy Guides To ... and Grumpy Old Holidays (BBC TWO), Holby City (BBC ONE), The Bill (ITV1), Dawn French's Girls Who Do: Comedy (BBC ONE), The Culture Show (BBC TWO), Empire's Children (Channel 4) The ONE Show (BBC TWO), It's Grim Up North (BBC TWO), My Childhood (BBC THREE) and Graham Norton's Bigger Picture (BBC ONE). She was a memorable contestant on Celebrity Fame Academy (BBC ONE) and has also participated in Room 101 (BBC TWO), So Graham Norton (Channel 4), The Joan Rivers Position (five), Celebrity Weakest Link (BBC ONE) and Call my Bluff (BBC ONE). Previously, JENNY has also hosted The British Comedy Awards Aftershow Party (ITV2), Eurovision Song Contest (BBC THREE), The BBC New Comedy Awards (BBC ONE) and The Perrier Awards (Channel 4). In Spring 2010 she was a finalist on BBC ONE's Let's Dance for Sport Relief, alongside fellow Grumps SUSIE BLAKE, LESLEY JOSEPH and LINDA ROBSON.

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The last 12 months has seen Avalon Promotions: present multi-award winning comics CHRIS ADDISON, SIMON BIRD, JENNY ECLAIR, DAVE GORMAN, RICHARD HERRING, RUSSELL HOWARD, LEE MACK, and FRANK SKINNER on sell-out runs; produce AL MURRAY, THE PUB LANDLORD live at the O2 and RUSSELL HOWARD at Wembley Stadium; introduce some of the fastest-rising stars in comedy such as KRISTEN SCHAAL & KURT BRAUNOHLER and ISY SUTTIE; produce stage shows, such as Frank Skinner's Credit Crunch Cabaret and Grumpy Old Women Live, which has toured the UK three times and performed highly successful runs in Australia and London's West End; and present 20 acts at the Edinburgh Festival, where it has promoted a total of five Perrier Award winners and 18 Perrier Award/Edinburgh Comedy Award nominees in just 21 years.