

IAN COPPINGER



One of Ireland's busiest comedians Ian is a regular on the world comedy circuit having played to packed houses at the Edinburgh, Melbourne, Montreal Just For Laughs, Galway, Electric Picnic, Glastonbury, Glasgow, Dublin, Adelaide and Wellington comedy festivals. Ian is also one of a handful of acts who has been invited back year after year to perform at the Kilkenny Cat Laughs Comedy Festival since 1995 and has performed throughout Europe, the Middle and Far East. A regular on all the major stages in Ireland and the UK Ian has also appeared as a support act for Ardal O Hanlon on his UK tour and Pat Shortt on his Irish tour, including 7 sell out weeks in Dublin's Vicar Street. Ian has also appeared on The Panel Live tour 2008 and in 2007 had 250,000 copies of his cd distributed in the Irish Press.

A noted improviser Ian is a co-founder of The Dublin Comedy Improv (1992), where he still performs every Monday night in Dublin's International Bar, which is Ireland's second longest running comedy club. The Dublin Comedy Improv have recorded two hit radio shows for RTE. Ian is also a regular guest with the world famous Comedy Store Players performing alongside Paul Merton, Richard Vranich, Josie Lawrence and many members of Whose Line Is It Anyway?. Ian has also toured Australia, New Zealand, the Middle and Far East as Whose Line Is It Anyway? with the original British cast members. The only improviser to have been invited to perform at every Cat Laughs Comedy Festival in Kilkenny since 1995 where Ian has improvised alongside some of the great improvisers in the world.

TV credits

RTEs The Panel

RTEs Stew (writer)

RTEs Couched (writer and performer)

The BBCs stand up show (writer and performer, Ian wrote additional material for Ardal O Hanlon)

The BBCs Empire Laughs Back

RTEs The Liffey Laughs

RTEs The Lounge

Paramounts The Comedy Store (2 Series)

CBCs Montreal Just For Laughs

Radio Credits

RTEs The Comedy Improv Radio Show (2 Series)

RTEs The Bees Of Manulla

The BBCs The O Show

Acting Credits

The End (short film)

Seperation Anxiety (feature film)

12 Angry Men (Edinburgh fesival 2003, Australia and New Zealand 2004. also starring Bill Bailey, Steve Frost and Owen O Neill, this became the biggest selling play ever staged at the Edinburgh fringe festival)

One Flew Over The Cuckoos Nest (Edinburgh festival 2004 and Londons west end 2004, 2005 and 2006. also starring Christian Slater, Mackenzie crook (The Office) and Alex Kingston (Er, Doctor Who), this became one of the biggest selling plays in recent west end history).

The Odd Couple (Edinburgh 2005. also starring Alan Davies and Bill Bailey, this then became the biggest selling play ever staged at the Edinburgh fringe festival).