

Siobhan Rhodes in association with Festival Highlights and united agents presents

BRIAN GITTINS

EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL DEBUT 2009

PLEASANCE BELOW, 4.45PM, 5TH – 31ST AUGUST (EXCEPT 12TH & 19TH)

Brian Gittins runs a roadside café in West Sussex. **“Probably the best roadside café in a twelve mile radius of Pyecombe”**– Steve Akehurst (delivery driver for Palletline)

“I love frying meat. I love my tea towel display. I love my rotating wind assisted sign. I love tomato shaped tomato sauce bottles. I love staring at the tall bloke who works down at my cash and carry (he’s over 7ft!!!) I really do love everything about my job. However, in 2005 one of my regulars came up to me out the blue and said ‘You’re well funny Brian, you should be on stage. You make me piss myself’. It was like a light bulb turning on in my head. A career in show business!? Yes please! My name up in lights!? I’ll have some of that! Thousands of people pissing themselves!? Depends what you mean...”

So, in September 2005 Brian bought a bow tie from Tie Rack (in the mall), borrowed a tuxedo from Alchy Malcy’s brother (the zip’s bust) and took to the stage. He gave himself 5 years to reach the London Palladium (because he’s a man who likes a game plan). Unfortunately, Brian is now somewhat behind schedule and in almost 4 years on the comedy circuit he’s only written fourteen jokes (Well, twelve, even he doesn’t rate two of them). He tried them out on his wife Cheryl who told him that the jokes had **“disappointing punchlines”**

We want to make clear that Brian (Dennis) Gittins has **never** been asked to be in a TV comedy series. He has **never** even been asked to audition for one. He’s **not** writing any comedy sketches at the moment and **doesn’t** have any sitcoms in development with any production companies. He thinks this is probably because he rarely has any ideas and he’s generally ‘pooped’ after a hard day’s work at the café.

“One of the best comedy characters of the decade”– Ricky Gervais

LISTINGS INFORMATION

VENUE: Below, Pleasance Courtyard (Venue 33)

DATES: 5th August – 31st August (except 12th & 19th)

TIME: 4:45pm

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