

## OMID DJALILI

Omid Djalili is Britain's funniest Iranian stand-up comedian and actor. After great success at the Edinburgh Festival in 1995, Omid has become a festival fringe favourite with a string of sell-out shows. It started in 1995 with 'Short Fat Kebab Shop Owner's Son', then in 1996 in 'Arab & The Jew', 1997 with 'Omid Djalili Is Ethnic' on to 1999 'Omid Djalili - Stand-Up show'. In 2000 he went back to Edinburgh and had another hit show, 'Warm to my Winning Smile' and in 2002, 'Behind Enemy Lines'. Both of these shows became Edinburgh's hottest ticket. 'Behind Enemy Lines' received an astonishing six 5-star reviews. In 2005 Omid returned to the festival with his most successful show to date, 'No Agenda', with record breaking sales on the fringe totalling 16,500; this show then transferred to a total sell-out nationwide 36 date tour, including 2 shows at the London Palladium in 2006. In 2007 this hit show was released world wide on DVD. 2008 saw Omid return to the stage with his most successful show to date Omid Djalili Live 2008. This saw him tour the UK with 53 dates including two sell-out performances at London's Hammersmith Apollo. This then transferred to a sell-out run at the Edinburgh Festival. He is definitely one of the funniest, freshest and most original comedians in Britain today. His international appeal is vast, having performed in recent years in Australia, Austria, USA, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Slovakia and most recently he performed for the King of Qatar.



In 2005 he was invited to perform at the televised Tsunami Benefit alongside comedy luminaries Jonathan Ross, Lee Evans, Johnny Vegas, Dawn French and Alistair McGowan to name but a few. He also performed a half hour special on 'Jack Dee Live At The Apollo' for BBC 1 at the end of 2004 which was repeated in 2005. In June 2004 he recorded an HBO special in New York, the first British comic to do one since Eddie Izzard.

2006 saw Omid playing major parts in 'Alien Autopsy' with Ant & Dec and in 'Over The Hedge' alongside Bruce Willis, William Shatner and Wonder Sykes playing 'Tiger', and in the same year Omid was in a film for the BBC 'My Family & Other Animals' starring alongside Imelda Staunton. In 2007 saw the release of 'Pirates of the Caribbean III' with Omid playing alongside Johnny Depp, Keira Knightley, Keith Richards and in 2008 saw the release of 'The Love Guru' playing alongside Mike Myers. In 2007 Omid starred in his own BBC1 prime time television series 'The Omid Djalili Show'. His second series is due to be screened in 2009.

In 2010 Omid starred in the lead role of the hugely successful British comedy 'The Infidel'.

# BOUND & GAGGED COMEDY

## COMEDY AWARDS

Perrier Award Nominee ~ Best Comedian  
South Bank Award Nominee ~ Best Comedy of the Year  
Gemini Award Nominee (Canada) ~ Best Comedy Performance  
Emma Award ~ Best Stand-Up Comedian  
Time Out Award ~ Best Stand-Up Comedian  
LWT Comedy Award ~ Best Stand-Up  
One World Media Award ~ For his Channel 4 documentary 'Bloody Foreigners'  
European TV Award Nominee ~ For his Channel 4 documentary 'Bloody Foreigners'  
Royal Television Society Award Nominee  
Spirit of the Fringe Award ~ Edinburgh Festival

## FILMS

The Love Guru  
Pirates of the Caribbean III  
Over The Hedge  
Alien Autopsy  
Casanova  
Deadlines  
Modigliani  
Sky Captain and The World of Tomorrow  
Calcium Kid  
Cross My Heart  
Anita & Me  
Spy Game  
Mean Machine  
Gladiator  
The Mummy  
Notting Hill  
James Bond - The World Is Not Enough  
Mad Cows

## TELEVISION

The Omid Djalili Show - BBC 1  
'Lead Balloon' with Jack Dee - BBC 2  
'Annually Retentive' with Rob Brydon - BBC 3  
Little Britain ~ BBC 3  
My Family and Other Animals ~ BBC 1  
Chopratown ~ BBC 2  
Frank Skinner Show ~ ITV

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London Today ~ ITV  
Breakfast News ~ BBC1  
Top Gear ~ BBC2  
HBO Comedy Special ~ HBO (America)  
Jack Dee, Live at the Apollo ~ BBC  
One Night Stand ~ US TV  
Friday Night with Jonathan Ross ~ BBC  
Comic Relief (Celebrity University Challenge) ~ BBC  
Comic Aid ~ BBC  
Room 101 ~ BBC  
Late Night with Conan O'Brien ~ NBC (USA)  
Whoopi ~ NBC (USA)  
Have I Got News For You ~ BBC  
Jason & The Argonauts ~ Channel 4  
Bloody Foreigners ~ Channel 4  
They Think It's All Over ~ BBC 1  
The Royal Variety Performance ~ BBC  
Lenny Henry In Pieces ~ BBC 1  
Small Potatoes 2 ~ Channel 4  
Small Potatoes ~ Channel 4  
Coming Soon ~ Channel 4  
Heaven and Earth ~ BBC 1  
Edinburgh Nights ~ BBC 2  
Black Books ~ CH 4  
Merry-Go-Round ~ Channel 4  
Barking ~ Channel 4  
The Comedy Store ~ Channel 5  
The Stand Up Show ~ BBC 1  
Live at Jongleurs ~ Cable

## **RADIO**

Being Mussolini ~ Radio 4  
Jonathan Ross Show ~ Radio 2  
Steve Wright in the Afternoon ~ Radio 2  
Five Live ~ Radio 5  
Loose Ends ~ Radio 4  
Festival News ~ Forth FM  
Christian O'Connell Show ~ XFMe

## QUOTES

“Omid Djalili is simply magnificent” Daily Mail

“Hilarious and painfully funny, Omid Djalili is unmissable” Independent

“His explosive and wide-eyed humour comes bursting out of nowhere, sending the audience into fits” The Scotsman

“By far the most entertaining comedy night” The Times

“His jokes are remarkable” The Daily Telegraph

“Djalili blows you away with a blizzard of gags” The Observer

“Demonstrates a confiding intelligence, a rare and warm sense of self-mockery and the distinctive outsider’s view of our culture. One felt very happy to be in his engaging, off-beat presence” Daily Mail

“Burly but surprisingly athletic’ The Scotsman

“His Show’s about cultural bridges. Omid builds ‘em up, knocks ‘em down and we fall about”  
The Herald

“Cult favourite” The Times

For more Omid news check out his own website here!

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