

# Katherine Ryan

## Award-winning Canadian-born comedian

- Available For:
- Stand Up Comedy
  - Hosting & Presenting
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## About

An outsider, a maverick, a natural raconteur: they're all skills that have made Canadian-born Katherine Ryan a celebrated comedian and one of the top stand-ups in the UK.

She moved from Ontario to the UK with her comedian partner to work for a fashion magazine and eventually found her way onto the comedy circuit and television. Since then, she's appeared on *Mock The Week*, *8 Out Of 10 Cats* and *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*, *QI*, *Sweat the Small Stuff*, Jack Dee's Sky Atlantic panel show *Don't Sit In The front Row* as well as sitcoms on Channel 4 and BBC2. She was voted through to the final of BBC One's *Let's Dance for Comic Relief* after a spectacular performance as Nicki Minaj performing *Starships*.

Katherine Ryan was the 2008 winner of the Nivea Funny Women Awards and is a fresh and biting funny addition to the UK stand-up scene. As well as being a writer-performer Katherine is also a talented actress and played the lead role of George in Victoria Pile's Channel 4 series *Campus*. She also appeared regularly throughout the second series of *Episodes* as Merc's Assistant.

Despite a natural talent for stand up comedy, Katherine Ryan never featured it on her career map. She studied city planning at university and took a job as a waitress at restaurant chain *Hooters* before advancing to corporate trainer, travelling the country to train other waitresses.

Her blend of charm and comic timing was perfect for the service industry – until comedy took over charm. “In *Hooters*, you need to be vacuous, and I was a little bit smart,” she explains. “On the occasion when I was fired, I wrote, ‘Club Sandwiches, not seals!’ on the menu board. “In Canada, that’s very politically sensitive because these fishermen like to beat baby seals with a club – it’s kind of a cultural tradition. I thought it was kinda cute to write that – but no! The owner shouted at me in front of the whole restaurant, called me a freak, and I went next door to the comedy club because I had nowhere else to go. “I sat their alone, and then did five minutes on stage. It just snowballed from there.”

Katherine Ryan is available for corporate and private events.

## Video



## Testimonials



She was amazing and everyone really enjoyed her act.

Jackie Allard - Newspress Awards

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