

BIO – SALLYANN FELLOWES

Sallyann is a multi-award-winning comedian who regularly performs stand-up in London and the south-east, as well as further afield in the north of England, including Nottingham, Manchester and Liverpool. She has headlined at the Queer Comedy Club in London which has connections with Brighton.

Sallyann is well known on the Brighton, Hove and Worthing comedy scene and has opened and closed gigs for Julie Jepson and Hannah Brackenbury among others, and regularly performs at the Caroline of Brunswick. And has recently headlined for Funny Girls (Hannah Brackenbury) in Worthing and Queer AF Comedy (Tristan Wolfe) at The Brunswick in Hove.

Sallyann has also been involved with Joyfully Different an organisation in Brighton that supports the Neurodivergent Business Community run by Alice Reeves and Mark Blake, and recently headlined at one of their events.

COMPETITIONS

2023 has been a very successful year for Sallyann as winner or runner up in multiple competitions:

WINNER - Leicester Square Comedian of the Year 2023

WINNER - New Forest Comedian of the Year 2023

WINNER - G&B All Stars 2023

RUNNER UP - Museum of Comedy Comedian of the Year 2023

RUNNER UP - Southport Comedian of the Year 2023

SHOW SALIEN

Sallyann's show SALIEN is an autobiographical story about how she always felt like an Alien, who has never fitted into the regular world of normal. It's as if Sallyann has been beamed down from outer space. Expect a joke heavy hour of examples where Sallyann has done her best to please and fit in and it's gone disastrously and hilariously wrong.

Sallyann was diagnosed with several Neurodiverse conditions 5 years ago that was both validating but also sad that no one noticed this growing up in Cornwall. This isn't a tragic tale as she sees the funny in everything. Being diagnosed as an adult with Autism, ADHD, Dyspraxia and Dyslexia gave her an insight into why she didn't relate to normal life, school life, work life and everything in between and how that made sense.

You will hear about the funny events that took place during the assessment, her school life that ended in permanent suspension and a career in the police. Interwoven with this are tales of coming out as Bisexual and how further attempts to fit in around her sexuality growing up in Cornwall also resulted in hilarious outcomes.

Sallyann has performed several WIP performances of this show in London and at the Comedy Bloomers LGBTQ Festival run by Chris Smith and also The Nottingham Comedy Festival run by Helen Stead (venue Ian Whitcombe). These have been very well-received and feedback from the audience has always been that they were funny and enjoyable.

Sallyann is Neurodiverse and LGBTQ+ and welcomes everyone to her show.

REVIEWS

SKIDDLE – The best New Up and Coming Stand Up Comedians in 2024

Sallyann is a self-diagnosed weirdo. She's neurodiverse, utterly mystified by the world she inhabits, and can't seem to understand her fellow humans. From jokes about her ADHD diagnosis to her bisexuality, whilst also claiming she is the most likely person to fall over nothing or get lost in a toilet; Sallyann is bloody hilarious.

From winning the Leicester Square Theatre New Comedian and the New Forest New Comedian of the Year award this year to coming runner-up in the Southport New Comedian of the Year. 2023 has been some breakout for Sallyann, and we reckon next year is when she takes her jokes to the next level.

<https://www.skiddle.com/news/all/The-best-New-Up-and-Coming-Stand-Up-Comedians-in-2024/58521/>

CHORTLE – Leicester Square Theatre New Comedian Of The Year 2023

If Sallyann Fellowes is also a flibbertigibbet – and she is – the oddness feels more natural, and comes packaged with oodles of slightly daft Cornish charm. There's something of early-stage alternative comedy about her style, somewhere between Jenny Eclair and Hattie Hayridge, bonkers but content in her own little world.

She talks about being a high-functioning autistic queer person with ADHD – bread-and-butter for today's comedy world – and the way she bundles it up is very appealing, as she puts forward off-kilter ideas that seem to make perfect sense to her in a delightful way. And it impressed judges (myself included) enough to secure her the top place and £1,000 prize.

https://www.chortle.co.uk/review/2023/12/04/54625/leicester_square_theatre_new_comedian_of_the_year_2023

https://www.chortle.co.uk/other-news/2023/12/04/54620/sallyann_fellowes%20wins_leicester_square_theatre%20%E2%80%99s_new_comedian_title

PETER FOX (Notts Comedy Review)

Fresh from her triumph at the Leicester Square new comedian of the year, Fellowes opened with some timely material about Christmas cards and secret santas. Her material was nicely offbeat, her timing good and the non-sequiturs received applause. This was an impressive performance.

<https://nottscomedyreview.wordpress.com/2023/12/21/launays-ian-peskett-sallyann-fellowes-rebecca-naughton-ian-whitcombe-big-jon-and-rob-coleman-mc/>

BIG BELLY COMEDY

Sallyann Fellowes wins the Leicester Square Theatre New Comedian Of The Year 2023 competition after a hilarious and talented evening. The Cornish comedian took first place in the judges' rankings with her outstanding performance, which included jokes about her bisexuality and ADHD diagnosis.

No stranger to the comedy circuit, Fellowes had previously won the New Forest New Comedian of the Year 2023 competition and placed second in the Southport New Comedian of the Year 2023 competition. Her reputation as a rising talent in the comedy circuits has been cemented by her distinctive style and relatable humour.

<https://bigbellycomedy.club/2023/12/sallyann-fellowes-wins-leicester-theatre-new-comedian-2023/>

BEYOND THE JOKE

Bespectacled Sallyann Fellows, by contrast, connected with the crowd very quickly, even if in her dungarees and brightly coloured top she looked ominously like a children's TV presenter beamed in from the 1970s. Her style is slightly kooky and oddball, which could have been cheesy, but there was plenty of originality too - she comes from Cornwall, is neurodivergent and queer so was certainly not short of subject matter. She also had a lot of charm, and don't underestimate the power of charm - along with her gags it helped her to win the top prize on the night.

<https://www.beyondthejoke.co.uk/content/14266/leicester-square-review>