

## Josh Howie

*A young Woody Allen*

**Kate Copstick, The Scotsman**

*Excellent, intelligent stand-up...terrific*

### **Time Out**

Josh is an ex-public schoolboy, raised as a Buddhist who then trained as a Rabbi before being kicked off the programme for being caught with a naked (non-Jewish) girl, so perhaps it was inevitable that he would go on to become a stand-up comedian. Josh integrated these stories into his hugely successful debut solo Fringe stand up show, entitled **Chosen** which played to sell out audiences and received rave reviews at the 2008 Edinburgh Festival followed by a sell out run at the Soho Theatre. In August he will return to the Edinburgh Fringe with a brand new show entitled **Josh Howie: Gran Slam**.

Already a familiar face on the comedy circuit, Josh performs regularly in London at clubs such as Up The Creek, Banana Cabaret, Comedy Store, Jongleurs, Bearcat, Red Rose and King's Head and around the UK for the likes of Off The Kerb, Comedy Clubs Ltd, The Stand, Just the Tonic and the Union of Jewish Students, proving himself to be a massive hit at comedy clubs, universities and private functions alike.

Josh has also been filmed for the Paramount Comedy shows **Comedy Store**, **World Stands Up** and **Comedy Blue** and can currently be seen as the presenter of **Movie Geek**, the Sky Movies show that offers all the latest news in the world of cinema. Often praised for his writing talent, Josh is a regular contributor to **The Guardian** and is a columnist for **Sky Movies Magazine**.

The rest of his CV reads like an accomplished media industry veteran. Not only has Josh worked as a roving reporter for The Studio News, as a writer/presenter on **The Indie 500** (both previously on The Studio on NTL), started his own PR firm when he was just 16, received critical acclaim for his writing and direction of a short film for Channel 4, he has also had a number of senior roles at a variety of music video production companies. Most notably, at 24, he was the youngest person ever to be appointed as Head of Video in the London office of PARTISAN, working with the likes of Armand Van Helden, Fatboy Slim and Placebo.

He has, of course, now reached an age where he has realised it is time to settle down and get a proper job: as a stand up comedian.

### **Television:**

- Comedy Store (Comedy Central, 2010)
- Naked Britain (Sky 1, 2009)
- Movie Geek (presenter, Sky Movies, 2007-present)
- TNT Show (C4, 2009)
- Comedy Blue (Paramount, 2007)
- World Stands Up (Paramount, 2007)
- The World's Most Offensive Jokes (Channel 4, 2007)
- The Studio News (NTL Digital, 2007)
- The Indie 500 (NTL Digital, 2007)
- Film Geeks (The Studio, 2007)

### **Radio:**

- 4 Stands Up (R4, 2009)

### **Live:**

- Josh Howie: Gran Slam (Edinburgh Festival, 2010)
- Josh Howie: Chosen (Soho Theatre, 2009)
- Josh Howie: Chosen (Edinburgh Festival, 2008)

### **Writing:**

- Kevin Bishop Show (Channel 4, 2008)

*Intelligently neurotic*  
**Evening Standard**

*Howie is engaging company*  
**The Times**

*"Headline comedy came from Josh Howie, bringing the evening to a close with howls of laughter and the occasional "oooh" that accompanies a joke that you're just not sure is socially acceptable but makes you laugh regardless"*

**Edinburgh Evening News**

*"Challenging, intelligent wit...as funny as it is fascinating"*  
**Chortle**

*"Bellylaughs"*  
**The Scotsman**

**On Josh's 2008 debut Fringe solo show, *Josh Howie: Chosen***

*He is a very smart and hugely sophisticated writer; pulling the interesting facts from his life, then mixing honesty and wit, and only then garnishing it with punchlines*

**Chortle \*\*\*\*\***

*It's refreshing to see someone like Howie tell a wider story about his life while taking comic opportunities at every turn*

**Independent \*\*\*\*\***

*Josh Howie walks the potentially trip-wired ground of race and religious identity with Diamond-sharp wit and no small degree of daring. It's fiercely intelligent, delivered with verve and you can expect to see a lot more of Howie in the future.*

**Observer**

*A great selection of clever one-liners*

**Broadway Baby \*\*\*\*\***

*Howie is intelligent but not intimidatingly so.*

*He's a fabulous storyteller who can make you concentrate in silence then erupt into a fit of giggles. He's slick, he's quick and he's incredibly playful with words.*

**Metro \*\*\*\*\***

*Howie is a name to watch*

**The Times**

*Sharply drawn self-deprecating stories, plus a too-much-information re-birthing anecdote, are given added oomph by accompanying photos and Howie's nervy comedic delivery. This is a very good hour.*

**\*\*\*\*\* Evening Standard**

*Extremely funny*

**The List**

*An intensely personal hour of close-to-the-bone stand-up.*

**\*\*\*\*\* Mail on Sunday**

*Great things are expected from the abrasive yet strangely lovable Josh Howie.*

**The Guardian**

*Howie is an intelligent comedian who knows how to amuse, shock and move an audience in equal measures.*

**Time Out**

*Howie is an intelligent comedian with daring material which is consistently very funny indeed.*

**Fest \*\*\*\*\***

*As a piece of writing it is quite literally breathtaking*

*Terrifyingly funny.*

*Howie is a charming, diffident, articulate man with a show that is as fascinating as it is funny.*

*He is a terrific talent*

### **The Scotsman**

*Howie rips through liberalism and religion with panache*

### **Scotland on Sunday**

**Key Facts:**

**Acting age:** 25 – 35

**Height:** 5'11"

**Build:** Slim/Average

**Voice:** Clear, bold, considered, pensive, crisp



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