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STAGE

I am starting to prepare the five-hour **Malcolm Hardee Charity Cabaret Show** to be staged in London on 28th January 2007, including looking for new talent. In February this year, I arranged and staged the five-hour comedy-&-music **Malcolm Hardee Memorial Show** at the Hackney Empire, London with 41 performers and 25 acts. (4-star review in *The Times*). Proceeds from the 2007 show will be used to sponsor a show or shows at the 2007 Edinburgh Fringe. I recently co-ordinated Scots comedienne **Janey Godley's** daily three shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival - a stand-up show, a serious play and a comedy sketch show. In May/June, I co-ordinated her award-winning comedy shows in New Zealand; and her Soho Theatre run in London.

NEW MEDIA

In August, I wrote comedy reviews from the Edinburgh Fringe for the **Chortle** website, as I did in 2004 and in 2005, when I wrote online comedy reviews for Chortle, plus a Fringe blog and a Fringe feature for the **Writers' Guild of Great Britain**. I recently designed and built websites for comedy scriptwriter **Nigel Crowle** and for soft-core DVD producers **Laid Bare**. I built and webmaster sites for, among others, London-based comedian **Ricky Grover**, Scots-based comedians **Janey Godley & Ian Watt** and a tribute site for the late comedian **Malcolm Hardee**. I also built and webmaster the **Gangster Videos** sales website.

DVDs & VIDEOS

This year, I was creative advisor and production manager on **Gangster Videos'** DVD compilations *Punch-Up Volume 1*, *Punch-Up Volume 2*, *Punch-Up Volume 3*, *The Ultimate Gangster DVD 2* and their documentaries *Cass Pennant - Enough Said!*, *Sam Heuston - Laid Bare* and *Dave Courtney - Even Dodgier*. Last year, I performed the same functions on their boxing DVDs *Punch-Up 10*, *Punch-Up 11* and *Bamford's Bust Up 1*, their true-crime profiles *Roy Shaw: Brute Force*, *The Ultimate Gangster Video* and their 5-DVD set *The Ultimate Gangster Collection*, their documentary DVDs *Dave Courtney's Party - Uncut!* plus their soft-core subsidiary company **Laid Bare's** DVD *Shell & Vanessa - Laid Bare*.

PRINT

I edited and advised on ***Handstands in the Dark***, the non-humorous, pre-showbiz autobiography of comedienne, actress and playwright Janey Godley which was published in hardback in June 2005 becoming a No 3 bestseller and reprinted in December and March. It was released in paperback in August 2006 becoming a

Top Ten bestseller. Last February, the **Independent** newspaper commissioned me to write the obituary of comedian Malcolm Hardee. In 2003, with Malcolm, I had compiled and edited the anthology **Sit-Down Comedy** - a book of specially-commissioned writing by 19 British and Irish stand-ups. Before that, I wrote his autobiography - **I Stole Freddie Mercury's Birthday Cake** - and I contributed three chapters to **Anatomy of The Movies** (other contributors included Martin Scorsese and Donald Sutherland). I have also written for various magazines and partworks, including *Screen International*, *The International Times*, *Starburst*, *House of Hammer*, *The Movie*, *Mensa Magazine* and *Halls of Horror*. A piece I wrote on comedy was published in the August issue of *Mensa Magazine*.

TV PROGRAMMES

In the last couple of years, I researched a **TCM** documentary *The A-Z of Crime Movies* and was script consultant on a TCM documentary *The First 100 Years of The Western*, a consultant on promo/script/style elements within the **Granada/ITV** series *This Morning* and gave an alleged 'script masterclass' to the production team of the **Anglia/ITV** series *Trisha*. My credits in various production capacities include *Tiswas*, *Game For a Laugh*, *Surprise Surprise*, *The Last Resort With Jonathan Ross* as well as *Jools Holland's The Happening*, *The Last Laugh with Jerry Sadowitz*, *Prove It* (with Chris Tarrant), *Jack Dee's Saturday Night* and, well, you get the general idea.....comedy, punters & jollity. I've also produced a couple of *Gong Show* style pilots.

TV PROMOS & CORPORATES

Last August and November, I sound directed **MTV** competition promos. I've written, produced and directed promo trailers for all the major **ITV** companies and many others in places as diverse as Amsterdam, Dublin and Prague as well as in languages I didn't understand (Czech, Danish, Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish). In the last couple of years, I was working for the **ITV News Channel**, was involved in a 'making of' programme for the **Hallmark Channel** and sound directed promos for three soft-core channels. Oh and I've also produced-directed multi-language corporates in England, Wales and the Czech Republic.

OTHER INTERESTS

I've holidayed in Albania, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Italy, Kosovo, Laos, Lebanon, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nepal, North Korea, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Russia, Serbia, Siberia, Tibet, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. I have eclectic interests....In music, I like Bach, Eminem, Randy Newman and Kurt Weill. In writing, George Eliot, James Joyce, Richard Matheson and Terry Southern.

FINALLY

I have also worked for BBC Ceefax. done a little bit of radio (promos and programme) and written questions for a Basque-language children's TV gameshow. I like new projects and the unexpected.