

DOUBLE THE FUNNY FOR YOUR MONEY

Harry & Chris interviewed by The Little Surprises Company

The Little Surprises Company specialise in handpicked surprises for your loved ones - anything from cocktail making classes to cheese deliveries. Owner Hannah-Beth has done a brilliant job of adapting her business during the pandemic, running online classes, shows and festivals. One of her favourite Little Surprises is live comedy, so I asked if she fancied interviewing two of her favourite comedians, Harry & Chris.



How would you describe your comedy duo to someone who has never come across you before?

We are the world's greatest comedy-rap-jazz duo, aka two best mates that enjoy making each other laugh and ideally audiences too (although if lockdown has taught us anything it's that the second part isn't as essential as we thought).

How did you get into this career?

We've written songs together ever since Chris beat Harry at our high school battle of the bands competition. We came to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival five years ago as a duo in the spoken word section (Harry had done solo shows up there before). Having billed our show as a poetry-jazz fusion people were surprised when it was a lot funnier than it sounded - mainly because I think anything is a lot funnier than poetry-jazz fusion sounds.

Off the back of that we were asked onto Russell Howard's TV show a few times and for the past few years (pre-corona times) we've been touring the country playing our little hearts out to rooms full of people less than two metres apart.

What has been the hardest thing about the transition to online comedy during the pandemic?

We live in different cities! It turns out it's quite tricky to rap in time when there's a lag in the internet, but it has been nice to be able to meet up with your best mate for an essential work trip every now and then when we have had to do some recording.

How can we support comedians like yourself over this lull in real life comedy?

As we fall in the weird crossover area of music and comedy we've always had merch that we've taken on tour with us (CDs and T shirts) which I think is less normal if you're a straight stand-up? We are still selling that out of Harry's spare room (from harryandchris.com/shop). The CDs are all live recordings from previous shows which is actually really nice to listen back to now that it's been so long since we could do that in person.

Weirdest gig you've done over lockdown?

Harry performed some poems at a German furniture shops' Christmas party which was pretty special!

Have you been inspired to write any new material by the madness that is happening in the world?

We wrote a song very early on about lockdown, but mainly this enforced time of not gigging has been a chance for previous ideas that have been on the backburner to come to the forefront, so Harry is just finishing up his second poetry collection and Chris has been involved in various TV musical projects that may or may not appear on your screen sometime soon!

Interested in listening to some brilliant live comedy over the next few months? The Little Surprises Company offer weekly Wednesday night comedy for just £10 or you can even book Harry & Chris for a private gig (for your team maybe rather than just yourself!).

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