### **BENNY SHAKES**

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"Benny Shakes is a powerhouse of 'funny' built on a foundation of clever joke writing, from the daily struggles of living with a disability to he's observations on red neck life. Benny is a relatable and affable comic who 'raises the roof' every time." - Anthony Williams, Rocks Central Promotions

I have been doing comedy for 2 years and in that time I have done 346 gigs, 35 of which have been online. I'm a great opener or closer of the first half of a gig. People have said 'don't put me on after Benny, he draws all the laughter from the room!'

# Performance highlights

26/3/2021 Pro for Peter Vincent Stokesley Town Hall Opener Steve Gribbon Headline Stephen Bailey

17/03/2021 Opener for Denzil Ede

4/02/2022 Pro for Manford's Comedy Cloub "Simply hilarious! Benny had a wonderful, warm welcome from the audience...because he is just so funny! Keep an eye out for this up and coming comedian...he was born with funny bones!"

26/02/2022 Pro for Peter Vincent in Harlepool Opener Mike Newall Headline Rob Deering 24/02/2022 Pro for Graeme Rayner GAG and BONE Man comedy Opener Hannah Platt Headline

Kevin Dewsbury Benny is superb. Great crowd interaction, solid material and a strong stage

## presence. Graeme Rayner

13/2/2022 Pro for Sion James Collywobblers Comedy headliner Lloyd Griffith

20/1/2022 Pro for Howard Walker headliner Nina Gilligan

09/1/2022 Pro for fun house comedy

02/12/201 Pro for Howard Walker on with Alun Cochrane

8/12/2021 on BBC Radio Nottingham Talking about men's mental health

30/11/2021 Pro Teknicolour Smoot for Roger Swift

pro gig for Toby Foster at The Blind Pig in Pontefract 15 Spot

Backyard Comedy Club 10 spot

Disabled Comedian's Showcase 10 Spot Glee Club Nottingham

pro gig for Lava Elastic 10 spot in Brighton

gig for Lu Williams opener 15 Spot Churchyard

Gig for Jamie Cortland Closing 20 spot

Trifest for Steve Rimmer RE Headline for Late Stage Comedy at Edinburgh in

Nottingham 20 Spot /Indie-go Sheffield 20 spot Closer

#### **COMPETITIONS**

8/11/2021 I came third in heat one and made it in to the quarter finals of West End New Act on the public vote

I won the Roast Battle at the Bill Murray

### FRINGE FESTIVAL

2021 Belper/ Bradford / Nottingham

5/2/2022 Leicester

I took Below-The-Belt-with-Benny there

Including games like the Price is Wrong where guests guess how much is

the disability aid is. For more visit the Benny Shakes Facebook Page.

Headliner at Laugh Abel and G&B online comedy

Opening the show at Laugh Abel Comedy Night for headliner Rosie Jones.

Benny Shakes Things Up productions

'Below the Belt' show on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter, from January 2021 to present

'Benny Shakes Things Up' live podcast, August 2020 to present

'2 Crips One Cam' show, March 2021 to present

# **Statements**

Warm and very infectious. From the moment he walks on stage Benny fills a room with his presence Steve McLean

"Funny man. Brimming with natural like-ability that warms an audience and

has some killer jokes to boot." - Joe Zalias

"Love Benny's comedy. He's a fabulous nutter! What's not to like?" - Kyle

Wallace from G&B Comedy Night

"Benny is a versatile and likeable comedian who showcased his considerable

talent on Late Stage Comedy and showed his capabilities on a panel show on

Larklord, He's a superb comic who belongs on any line-up," - John Morris, Late

Stage Comedy Club