

## Frank Skinner

Comedian, Writer, TV and Radio Presenter

Frank Skinner hosts Absolute Radio's Sony Award winning Saturday morning flagship show, whose podcasts have been downloaded 6.5 million times. He is also President of the Samuel Johnson Society. He is the host of *Room 101* and was a team captain on the recent *I Love My Country*. He is currently touring his latest stand up show, "Man In A Suit".

Skinner has done three series of the popular *Frank Skinner's Opinionated* for BBC Two. As a keen ukulele fan, he has filmed a documentary investigating the life of George Formby for BBC Four. Additionally, Skinner has hosted the BBC Radio Three Christmas Day comedy panel show, *The Right Notes in the Wrong Order*; and in 2010, reunited with David Baddiel to exclusively present a series of shows for Absolute Radio throughout the FIFA World Cup™. This series reached number one in the iTunes Top 10 comedy podcasts chart within the first week of its launch and attracted over 3 million downloads in total. Skinner has also been a columnist for The Times.

In 2009, Skinner completed the triple-extended, sell-out Credit Crunch Cabaret in London's West End, offering recession-hit Londoners the chance to experience a variety of award-winning acts for just £10 a ticket. The show included Michael McIntyre, Al Murray - The Pub Landlord, John Bishop, Lee Mack, Russell Howard and Chris Addison. Skinner authored a Panorama (BBC One) special on taste and decency, as well as hosted *Have I Got News For You?* and *Never Mind The Buzzcocks* on BBC Two.. Skinner's previous TV shows include *The Frank Skinner Show* (BBC One, ITV 1), which is widely credited as setting the tone for the modern comedic chat show and ran for nine years, attracting 11 million viewers at its peak. He has written two books, the first of which was *Frank Skinner* by Frank Skinner, the top selling autobiography of 2002 which spent 46 weeks in *The Sunday Times* Bestseller List. His second book, *The Richard & Judy Book Club: Award Winning Frank Skinner On The Road* chronicled his return to stand-up a decade after his record-breaking 6,000-seater gig at Battersea Power Station. With David Baddiel, Skinner created and presented *Fantasy Football League* (BBC Two, ITV 1) . The team later paired up to *created Baddiel and Skinner Unplanned* (ITV 1) while also writing *The Lightening Seeds*. These three programs attained three number one hits with the football anthem 'Three Lions'.