

# Edinburgh Festival Fringe – Phill Jupitus – Artist extraordinaire



The celebrated, award-winning stand-up comic, performance poet and broadcast personality Phill Jupitus will return to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this summer with *Sketch Comic*, a new show which highlights his deep love of art.

From 4 to 22 August, Phill will be let loose on the collections at the National Galleries of Scotland, sketching some of his favourite works and encouraging visitors to watch, join in, and share their own sketches. Together with fellow stand-up comic and art historian Hannah Gadsby, he will also present a free talk each Thursday during those weeks about his love of painting and the experience of sketching in the Galleries.

The National Galleries of Scotland comprises three galleries in Edinburgh and looks after a world-famous collection, ranging from the sixteenth-century to the present day. One of the artworks to be sketched will be John Singer Sargent's *Lady Agnew of Lochnaw* (1865-1932) of 1892, a favourite of Phill's and one of the most popular works amongst our visitors.





Perhaps best known as a team captain on the popular BBC Two pop quiz *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*, Phill Jupitus is a multi-talented artist whose repertoire includes poetry, acting, radio DJ and drawing. Phill will use his iPad and the “Paper” app, which works as a sketchbook and allows artists to capture drawings and illustrations with a stylus, to sketch one work per Gallery.

*Sketch Comic* will take place from 10am-12pm at the Scottish National Gallery from 4 to 8 August, followed by the Scottish National Portrait Gallery from 11 to 15 August, and a final week at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art from 18 to 22 August. The lectures will take place at the Hawthornden Lecture Theatre, Scottish National Gallery, from 6.30-7.30pm on 7, 14 and 21 August. The lectures are free and unticketed.

Hannah Gadsby is an award-winning comedian with a background in Art History. She has presented comedy art tours with the National Gallery of Victoria, Australia, and written and

presented art programmes for the Australian TV channel ABC.

*Sketch Comic*

4 – 22 August 2014

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