

# HARRY HILL'S TV BURP

Harry Hill's TV Burp returns this autumn, in a year that has seen HARRY add to his already impressive awards haul for the show, with another *BAFTA Award* and wins at both the *British Comedy Awards* and *RTS Awards*.

Expect more top-notch telly send-ups, as HARRY gets back to business as usual, turning his forensic eye for comic detail to the top soaps, docs, dramas, and reality shows, skewering all the funniest, quirkiest and downright silliest clips along the way. Where else would you find a chef who makes meat out of fruit, a big-collared comedian impersonating ANDREW MARR impersonating ANT and DEC, and the fans' favourite KNITTED CHARACTER taking a ride on a wobbly jelly? The last series also saw stars including DALE WINTON and RONNIE CORBETT shooting through the studio, a pesky shark harassing HARRY, and Lion Man CRAIG BUSCH became a Burp favourite courtesy of a catchy sing-a-long song!

Once again, viewers can look forward to a bumper run of HARRY's trademark high-jinks, including the Review of the Year special that's fast becoming a fixture of the Christmas holiday schedules. Plus, following the success of last year's Best Of's, several more shows bringing together some of the funniest moments from Burps past.

As always, Burp is bang up to date, featuring the biggest shows from the week's TV, so there's no way of knowing what will feature – but there'll be plenty of X Factor drama and Strictly Come Dancing razzle-dazzle to work with ... and no doubt more televisual oddities will join Freaky Eaters, Hole in the Wall, Born Survivor: Bear Grylls, and Sally Morgan: Star Psychic in the pantheon of TV Burp cult classics!

A busy autumn for HARRY will also see the release of Harry Hill's TV Burp Gold 2 – the follow-up to last year's hugely successful DVD, that gives fans another chance to catch the best bits from all previous series – and the first ever Harry Hill's TV Burp Book, packed with all-new jokes, puzzles, parodies, cartoons and games written by HARRY exclusively for TV Burp's literary debut.

## **What the press said about the last series of Harry Hill's TV Burp:**

*"It's been Harry Hill's year, with the splendid TV Burp at last receiving the recognition it deserves with two Baftas, a decent, regular time slot (on Saturday nights) and a good long run."*

**Alison Graham, Radio Times**

*"Who would have thought that a bald man in a funny suit reviewing the week's television would go down as the best thing ever to be broadcast on the box?"*

**Bryony Gordon, The Daily Telegraph**

*"With two Baftas won this year (and not before time), it would seem the big-collared funnyman has officially achieved national treasure status."*

**Nigel Andrew, 'Weekend' The Daily Mail**

*"Harry Hill built the entire show round Britney's song and was strutting round his desk, like Max Wall in a top hat and blonde wig, when I could finally take no more and fell off the sofa, weeping with laughter."*

**Ally Ross, The Sun**

***Harry Hill's TV Burp returns to ITV1 on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009***

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## OTHER PRAISE FOR THE LAST SERIES OF HARRY HILL'S TV BURP:

*"ITV1, you are spoiling us – a whole 25 weeks of Harry Hill's TV Burp. That's very nearly six months' worth! So Harry, welcome back, we need you. We missed you during Bonekickers and we pined for you during Rock Rivals. Because you are the spokesman for everyone who relishes bad telly. Harry Hill's TV Burp is a brilliantly simple idea that works like an absolute charm. Take a torrent of clips, add a lump of lateral thinking, then hand it all over to one of the best comics in the business."*

**Alison Graham, Radio Times**

*"Do you know the worst thing about Harry Hill's show? The fact that it's not on TV all year round. What a terrible waste of so much potential Mickey-taking. Fear not, though, because this hilarious review of 2008 includes programmes Harry missed when TV Burp was off air. Pure comedy genius, as ever."*

**Mike Ward, 'Saturday Magazine' The Express**

*"Of all our contemporary comedians – and at the moment there seems to be something of an EU mountain of them – Harry Hill is the one who strikes me as the most truly inspired ... TV Burp is, I think, a work of comic genius, a perfect example of the purest comedy involving the full force of the liveliest imagination being put up against the silliest things."*

**Craig Brown, The Mail on Sunday**

*"The funniest show on TV."*

**Omid Djalili**

*"What's the best show on telly? There's only one way to find out! By tuning into Harry Hill's terrific TV Burp. Hilarious Hill's razor sharp dissection of the nation's favourite stupid soaps and other small screen tripe has returned to ITV in all its laugh-out-loud glory. Hooray for Harry!"*

**Kevin O'Sullivan, Sunday Mirror**

*"In comedy, Harry Hill on TV Burp produced the best thing on television, by sending up everything on the box, yet doing so from a position of deep affection. A warm and brilliant skill."*

**Piers Morgan, Daily Mail**

*"A continuing work of genius loved by kids and adults alike."*

**Carol Midgley, The Times**

*"Always popular with TV fans, the comedian never fails to deliver laughs as he gets stuck into the week's television highlights."*

**Colin Tough, What's on TV**

*"Loads and loads of people have tried clip shows and presumably they are relatively straightforward and cheap to make, but nobody actually does them better than Harry Hill."*

**Simon Mayo, The Simon Mayo Show BBC Radio 5 Live**

*"... So plonk yourself in front of the TV tonight... and wallow in the sheer insanity of this masterly comic who makes me laugh more than anyone on the planet."*

**Lorraine Kelly, The Sun**

*"Sometimes comedy needs to be intelligent, occasionally insightful and all too often 'cutting edge', but Hill's Saturday night reflection on the week in Tellyland succeeds through utter silliness. From celebrity fights to the highlight of the week, TV Burp manages to savagely pick apart the idiocies of terrestrial television, and all before the watershed."*

**Daniel Bettridge, The Times**

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*"Whoopee! Levels of excitement here in the TVeasy shack are so high surrounding the return of the wittiest and most consistently hilarious show on telly, it may be impossible to ever be excited by anything again. Not even if Christmas, Easter and Free Gin Thursdays were combined into one long holiday. Rightfully awarded a brace of BAFTAs earlier this year – and we're sure that Harry won't mention that – this gentle ribbing of last week's TV is so outrageously inventive, it's in a different league."*

**Toby Earle, TV Easy**

*"Hill is not only TV's most deadpan comic but also one of the medium's most broadly appealing. There are few funnymen who could pry a smile from both students and grandmas, but this 44-year-old former medic, who started out doing absurd stand-up on Channel 4 and how hosts, among other things, You've Been Framed, both can and regularly does."*

**Nick Duerden, Q Magazine**

*"Harry Hill is pure genius."*

**The Sun (online)**

*"Harry Hill is a revolutionary – a man who'll be credited with changing the way we watch TV. Since the first series of Hill's razor-sharp TV Burp, we've spent every night ignoring the plotlines of our lady's soaps, opting instead to study the background of each scene in the hope of spotting what Hill will pick up on. But we're not a patch on the funnyman's brilliantly astute observations on everyday television."*

**Shortlist**

*"For so long the Cinderella of the ITV1 Saturday night schedule, Hill is finally getting recognition for his leftfield look at TV – not least his two Baftas. Chief among Hill's skills is thinking about telly in the odd way that he does and communicating his genuine love for the medium ... TV Burp is a treat."*

**Gareth McLean, The Guardian**

*"Despite TV Burp now being a regular Saturday evening fixture, Harry Hill has managed to keep as fresh and funny as ever, helped no doubt by his talented writing team and the demented offerings of BBC3 (especially shows such as Freaky Eaters). We never know what he'll be covering (apart from the soaps, of course), we only know this is unbeatable TV."*

**Boyd Hilton, Heat**

*"We've got something we'd like to announce: TV Burp is our favourite thing on telly at the moment, and we will fight anyone who says otherwise."*

**David Bell, New!**

*"You might expect a television programme about television programmes to be self-indulgent and smug. Not this one. Eight series in, TV Burp only gets funnier. Harry Hill's look at the week's television is essential."*

**Michael Deacon, The Daily Telegraph**

*"We love Harry Hill, of course. The whole country loves Harry Hill. Someone said that he doesn't so much make fun of TV, but of the grammar of TV – and that is so true. He's all about exposing the mechanisms, and the clichés. And don't you find yourself watching TV now and going, 'Oooh! Harry Hill's going to have that!'"*

**Russell T. Davies – interview in The Times**

*"Now Harry's back, Saturdays are looking much funnier. I've missed the big-collared comic's hilarious pot-shots at TV."*

**Ian Abbott, TV Times**

*"Like a gift that keeps on giving, Hill's idiosyncratic take on the nation's goggle box shows no signs of getting stale."*

**'Live Night & Day' The Mail on Sunday**

*"Harry Hill's TV Burp is simply the most consistent laugh-out-loud show of the year. The big-collared comic has rejuvenated Saturday-night telly."*

**TV & Satellite Week**

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*"It's safe to say this is the funniest programme on the telly. To get away with what Harry does before the watershed takes genius, which is lucky because that's what Mr Hill is."*

**Tim Bradley, Nuts**

*"TV Burp is virtually unsurpassed – a deserved winner of two Baftas since it last graced our screens."*

**Time Out**

*"Probably the funniest show on TV – in our opinion anyway – Harry Hill returns for the eighth series of his multi-award winning show that pokes fun at the best and worst of telly. It's no wonder he won two BAFTAs earlier this year. Must remember to wear incontinence pants during the show!"*

**Helen Fear, Reveal**

*"I'm looking forward to the summer, but Saturday telly isn't going to be the same now Harry Hill's TV Burp has come to the end of its current series. Harry is brilliant, and has turned a TV clip show into the biggest laugh on TV. Who apart from him could have got puppets sitting on top of a jelly? At a time when the TV industry is struggling with ad revenues, it is important to remember that sometimes they get it right and allow something totally brilliant on our screens. I can't wait for the next series."*

**Tony Blackburn, The Sun**

*"The big-collared comic is nothing short of a genius."*

**OK! Hot Stars/Daily Star Hot TV**

*"He may dress like an embarrassing dad at a party, but Harry Hill's entertaining look at the week's telly is now a staple part of our Saturday TV diet. And we admit we love anyone who can get away with taking the mickey out of all those luvvies and soap stars who take themselves just a tad too seriously."*

**Hannah Wright, Closer**

*"No one watches TV quite like Harry Hill. He can find comedy in the most unlikely places and here, he doesn't disappoint."*

**Total TV Guide**

*"It is no surprise Harry Hill picked up yet another gong at the British Comedy awards this month. He has perfected the gentle art of sending up television without making anybody look ridiculous, and adding slapstick without making himself look like a clown."*

**'Culture' The Sunday Times**

*"Rejoice, The Burp is back, as Harry gasses about the week's telly in his unique style."*

**Graham Kibble-White, 'We Love Telly' The Mirror**

*"Definitely one of our favourite things on the box!"*

**'Fabulous' News of the World**

*"There's something of 70s stars such as Benny Hill, Kenny Everett, and even Eric & Ernie about Harry Hill that Bill Cotton would have appreciated. He's intelligent but appeals to children, adventurous to be unpredictable. He's totally English, a bit mad – and great family entertainment."*

**Jim Shelley, The Mirror**

*"TV Burp Review of the Year – a Christmas show not to be missed."*

**Jon Wise, The People**

*"His good, clean and slightly surreal insights on TV Burp are brilliant ... Harry Hill, then: just a very-naturally-funny chap doing a really amazing job of two good shows. Hope prevails."*

**Paul Flynn, Grazia**

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## AVALON TELEVISION

Avalon Television is one of the leading producers of award-winning comedy and light entertainment programmes in the UK. Founded in 1993, the independent production house supplies television programming to all the British terrestrial channels and the leading cable and satellite stations, in addition to content for radio broadcasters.

Recent television productions include: a new comedy sketch show written by and starring the multi-award winning creator of *The Pub Landlord*, Al Murray's *Multiple Personality Disorder* (ITV1); the quadruple-BAFTA and triple *British Comedy Award*-winning *Harry Hill's TV Burp* (ITV1); Al Murray's *Happy Hour* (ITV1) - the *British Comedy Award* winning peak-time entertainment show; three series of the *Royal Television Society* and *Rose D'Or* award-winning sitcom *Not Going Out* (BBC ONE); the acclaimed *Touch Me I'm Karen Taylor* (BBC THREE); the *Rose d'Or* award-winning *Kombat Opera Presents* (BBC TWO), a series of contemporary musical comedies from the creator of the multi-award-winning hit musical *Jerry Springer - The Opera*, with collaborators including STEWART LEE, DAVE GORMAN and TERRY JONES; a feature-length documentary, written by and starring DAVE GORMAN, entitled *Unchained America* (More 4); *Laura, Ben and Him*, a multi-character sketch show for ITV2 written by and starring hotly-tipped new writer performers LAURA SOLON, BEN WILLBOND and MAREK LARWOOD; *You Can Choose Your Friends* (ITV1) - a 90-minute comedy-drama starring the late ANTON RODGERS and JULIA MCKENZIE; a prime-time reality format in the US called *Wake Up Call* (ABC Network); and *The Greg Behrendt Show*, a first-run syndication show in the USA produced by Avalon Television and Sony.

Avalon Television also produces radio, with recent projects including: *Yes it's the Ashes*, Andy Zaltzman's topical look at the ashes series; *The Frank Skinner Show*, which goes out on Saturday mornings on Absolute Radio; a sixth series of DAVID BADDIEL'S acclaimed BBC Radio 4 comic-discussion show, *Heresy*; series six of *Out To Lunch* (BBC Radio 2), a comedy show for Saturday afternoons hosted by RUSSELL KANE - featuring some of the finest up-and-coming comic talent currently working in the UK; a third series of *Banter* (BBC Radio 4), hosted by Sony Award-winning ANDREW COLLINS, a comedy panel show in which the guests including RICHARD HERRING and RUSSELL HOWARD are asked to hammer out Top Threes in categories covering anything from playwrights to Playstation; series two of *Political Animal* (BBC Radio 4), a socio-political satire show, hosted and linked by ANDY ZALTZMAN and *The Daily Show With Jon Stewart* (More 4) regular JOHN OLIVER.

## OTHER SHOW CREDITS

The series is produced by SPENCER MILLMAN and directed by PETER ORTON. Executive Producers are RICHARD ALLEN-TURNER, BLUEY RICHARDS and JON THODAY.

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