

Comedians

From the 1940s to Now

Photographs from the National Portrait Gallery

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This exhibition puts the spotlight on popular British comedians of the last 70 years. Britain is known for its sense of humour throughout the world, and comedy is a valued part of British culture.

This special selection of photographs from the National Portrait Gallery's collection includes stars of stage, radio, film and television. It reveals the public and private faces of people who make us laugh.

Humour is a core part of being human. It can bring us together or highlight our differences, and can make difficult situations bearable.

We hope this exhibition makes you smile.