# ASLI AKBAY

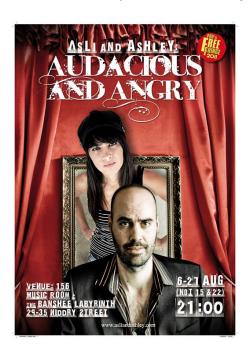
I started performing Stand-Up Comedy in the UK.
I now reside in Istanbul, Turkey where I perform in English and in Turkish.

## **EDINBURGH FRINGE SHOWS:**

2010: 'Kaboom an Explosion of Funny'

2011: 'Asli & Ashley Audacious and Angry'





2011: Top Secret Comedy Club



2012: 'Nice People Have Ruined My Life'



## 2017 "Şaban's Mixed Meze"



I moved to Istanbul in 2014...

And started a Turkish Open Mic Night that was based on the Open mic's in London. Everyone could sign up and take part. Something that wasn't done in Istanbul at the time.. Total shows 49



In 2015 I started Istanbul's first regular English Stand-Up Comedy Night.. Called Take Me Up The Bosphorus.. Now rebranded Bosphorus Comedy Nights.





Total shows: 54

#### Venues:

Hard Rock Café - Old City Comedy Club - Kılçık Mekan – Karga - Hangart - Arsen Lupen - Living Room - Kaset - James Joyce Irish Pub

#### International comedians that have performed:

Peter Szumowski - Poland, Christian Steel – UK, Trevor Lock – UK, Matt Davis – USA, Aidan Goatley – UK, Naz Osmanoğlu – UK, Phil Nichol – Canada, Inanc Ino – USA, Ollie Horn – UK, Arnav Rao- India, Dan Pyatetsky – USA

## **OTHER PROJECTS**

#### **Malignant Humour**

A two person show. Each doing 45 minutes. Performed several times in Istanbul and Ankara.

#### **SAKA MAKA**

A Turkish Stand-Up show performed in London as part of the Eastern European Comedy Festival.





## **ASLI AKBAY & FRIENDS**

Stand-Up Show with 4 comedian guests.



## **Cok Da Fifi**

5 woman Stand-Up Comedy troupe who perform in Turkish in Turkey and Europe. Together since 2015.



## SOME LINKS

#### **GENERAL:**

https://www.comedycv.co.uk/asliakbay/index.html

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#### **ENGLISH SHOWS:**

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https://www.reuters.com/article/us-turkey-comedy-ottoman/ottoman-prince-visits-former-realm-to-spread-laughter-idUSKCN12P1PW

#### **ŞAKA MAKA:**

http://www.t-vine.com/get-ready-to-laugh-yourself-silly-at-saka-maka-turkish-stand-up-comedy-in-east-london/

http://www.eurovizyon.co.uk/londra/saka-maka-londra-da-cok-guldurdu-h55513.html

#### **KOMİKROFON – Turkish Open Mic**

http://www.sanatatak.com/view/mizah-sasirtmalidir

#### **COK DA FIFI:**

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# Mice things people have said

'Highly promising' London Is Funny

'Delightful' Amused Moose Comedy Clubs

'One to watch out for" StarNow

'Great story teller' Martin Besserman - Monkey Business Comedy Cub

'A natural comedienne' – The Porthole Comedy Club

'One of the UK's hottest up and coming Female stand up comedians' Asian D8 Events

"Asli has a great ability to make an audience laugh to her whim, even when the subject matter can be a little shocking'. Hyde Panasar – HumiliAsian

'You're the best female comic I've ever seen' Random Punter at a Mirth Control Bath Gig

'I was really impressed by Asli Akbay, a self-assured Turkish girl with shed loads of attitude' (she's outrageous!) but she still did well' - A&E Comedy

'Asli has a breathless, manic energy mixed with great observational eyes and ears for the minutiae of life, creating storms-in-teacups by treating the ordinary like the most exceptional things in the world' - Tombola of Fun

'Among several women who'd reached this stage of the competition Asli Akbay stood out for me. There's a difficult balance for women comics to strike between ignoring the fact that stand-up is still fairly uncharted territory for women, relatively speaking, and making it the centre of your act; and she got it just right. The confidence of her delivery and the cheeriness of her style stand her in good stead'. - Laura Morgan.

# SOME PLACES I HAVE PERFORMED

(There are many I don't recall)

## UC

**London:** The Comedy Store, Soho Theatre, Up The Creek, Backyard Comedy Club, The Poetry Café, The Exhibit, The Rhythm Factory, Downstairs At The Kings Head, The Hob, Arts Theatre, The Clubhouse, Soho Revue bar, The Camden Tup, O Reilly's, The Milan Bar, The Ship, The George, Red Lion Pub, The Green Dragon, Walkabout, The Round Table, The Lion's Den, and many more. **Manchester:** Frog and Bucket. **Bath:** The Comedy Cavern

## GERMANY

Berlin: Gorki Theatre & Theatre 28,

# united states

Seattle: Punchline Comedy

Los Angeles: The Comedy Store

Portland: What was the name again?

**Eugene:** Damn I can't remember. **Phoenix**: Nope, it's escaped me.

# TURKEY

Istanbul: Zorlu PSM- Touce, Uniq, IF Performance Hall, BKM Mutfak, KargaArt, Feriye, Living Room Art Café & Social Club, Bant Mag Bina, Bahane Kültür Salon, Leman Kültur Beşiktaş, Kiki, Cemiyet, Mecra, TOY Comedy Club, Bar Aperitivo – Eataly, İkinci Kat Loft Performans, Profilo Avm, Arsen Lüpen, Old City Comedy Club, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi, AKM, CKM, Afyon: LNG Hotels. Ankara: IF Performance Hall, Manhattan, Route. Antalya: Holly Stone Peformance Hall. Ayvalik: No 90. Bodrum: Herdot Kultur Merkezi. Bursa: Hayal Kahvesi Denizli: Route. Eskisehir: SPR Pub Peyote. Izmir: Bios, Volume, Bergama Kultur,

Samsun: Hayal Kahvesi. Mugla: Mabolla Art

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Muscat: Oman Comedy Central