



Jazz Emu (Archie Henderson)

Writer / Actor / Creator

Live Comedy

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Biography

Archie Henderson is an award-winning writer, actor, musician, and creator of viral comedy character Jazz Emu, whose videos and songs have garnered over 50 million streams. In 2023, he was named one of the 50 funniest comedians of the 21st Century by Dominic Cavendish in the Telegraph, landing at number 26 on the list.

Archie took his latest live show - THE PLEASURE IS ALL YOURS on a tour of the UK earlier in 2025 before finishing at the Edinburgh Fringe. It received rave reviews, and he then took the show on his first ever US tour.

Archie performed at the JUST FOR LAUGHS FESTIVAL 2025 in Montreal - after being chosen from a vast selection of applicants as part of their NEW FACES PROGRAM.

He also released his hilarious 30-minute visual comedy album JAZZ EMU: EGO DEATH in early 2025. It featured Alex Horne, Harry Enfield, Al Roberts, Charly Clive, Phil Dunning, Ellen Robertson, Will Hislop, Ed Jones & more

His live show JAZZ EMU: KNIGHT FEVER enjoyed sold out runs at Soho Theatre before heading to the Edinburgh Fringe 2024 and has received rave reviews - with The Telegraph calling him 'Britain's finest young musical comedian'.

His musical character comedy show at the Edinburgh Fringe 2022 (Jazz Emu: You Shouldn't Have), was included on The Telegraph's "Top Shows To See At The Edinburgh Fringe", and the British Comedy Guide's "Best Reviewed Shows At The Edinburgh Fringe". In late 2022, he took the show to the main stage of London's Soho Theatre for a week's sell-out run, receiving stellar reviews (see below). In Chortle's 2023 Awards, Archie won in two categories - 'Best Variety or Character Act' and the 'Social Media Award'.

Since 2019, he has been building a cult following with songs and sketches from his awkwardly-smooth comedy character Jazz Emu, resulting in plays on BBC RADIO 1 and multiple performances on BBC RADIO 4's THE NOW SHOW.

Watch his videos on YouTube [here](#) or TikTok [here](#).

In 2022, Blink Industries produced the Jazz Emu pilot. They are now developing the project further.

Watch the Jazz Emu pilot [here](#). His music videos and sketches led to a collaboration with BLINK INDUSTRIES on a teaser pilot for a musical sitcom, which is currently in development.

As well as in his own viral online sketches, Archie has most recently acted in BBC Three pilot BRITNEY, a YouTube-commissioned pilot with band EASY LIFE, and Sky TV's SO BEANO.

REVIEWS FOR JAZZ EMU'S THE PLEASURE IS ALL YOURS

"One of this year's must see shows" **One 4 Review ★★★★★**

"Unique, surreal and consistently hilarious" **The Spy in the Stalls ★★★★★**

"A masterful entertainer with gags by the boatful" **The Skinny ★★★★★**

"Belly busting hysterics from start to finish with top musical chops to boot. You'll leave a forever fan"
Broadway World ★★★★★

"A deliberately fine line between hilarity and terror" **The List ★★★★★**

"The depth and quality of writing, production and performance are outstanding. The Pleasure is All Yours is a cracking show from a comedian who has perfected his craft and alter-ego to a rare level of excellence." **The QR ★★★★★**

"Deeply bonkers and richly entertaining" **Chortle ★★★★★**

REVIEWS FOR JAZZ EMU'S KNIGHT FEVER

'Henderson's combination of surrealist observation, multi-instrumentalism...and commitment to the bit, translate impeccably from small screen to stage' **The Spy In The Stalls ★★★★★**

'a sizzling performance from this knight in jiving armour' **Londonist ★★★★★**

'the show is great fun(k), equal parts daft party and deft musical comedy' **The Guardian ★★★★★**

'Jazz Emu surely deserves a knighthood for his contribution to musical comedy' **Chortle ★★★★★**

'If there is a better musical comedy act in the country right now, I'll eat my disco ball' **The Telegraph ★★★★★**

REVIEWS FOR JAZZ EMU'S YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE

·"I may just have found my new favourite comedian... I barely stopped laughing for a whole hour." **★★★★★**
The Times

·"This a work of genius" **★★★★★** The Telegraph

- “Fantastically funny and ferociously funky” ★★★★★ The List
- “A perfect platform for Jazz Emu’s stunning, groovy vocals, music and comedic talent.” ★★★★★ North West End
- “A joyful hour with a delusional musical star” ★★★★★ The Guardian
- “A confident blend of surrealism and genuinely impressive musicianship.” ★★★★★ The Scotsman
- “What is going on? Where am I? Am I falling in love?” ★★★★★ Broadway Baby.
- “There’s a touch of the Flight Of The Conchords... but Jazz Emu is very much his own strange artist... a thoroughly entertaining hour.” ★★★★★ Chortle
- “This perfectly pitched, daft hour of character comedy is a revelation!” ★★★★★ British Theatre Guide
- “In life, we’ll come across a rare few people who’ll make us wonder how exactly their brain works because they operate on an entirely different plane – that is Jazz Emu, in short.” ★★★★★ The Wee Review
- “This one man show has it all. Jazz Emu’s genre-busting stand-up, musical theatre extravaganza will have you tapping your feet with tears of laughter streaming from your eyes.” Time Out

AWARDS

- Chortle Best Variety Act 2023 (Winner)
- Chortle Social Media Award 2023 (Winner)
- Best Ensemble LOCO London Comedy Film Festival 2023 (Winner)
- Chortle Legends of Lockdown 2021 (Winner)
- Chortle Best Variety Act 2022 (Nominated)
- Amused Moose Award 2019 (People’s Champion)
- Finalist: So You Think You’re Funny 2017
- Shortlisted: BBC New Comedy Award 2018
- Shortlisted: Pleasance Comedy Reserve 2019