

David's Story

Hi, my name is David Munns, I am 37 years old.

I live in Chadwell Heath. I used to live in Gants Hill, Ilford, where my mum lives.

I am a writer and a performer. I have been working mainly with Spare Tyre on and off for 12 years.

I have acted in many productions for Spare Tyre, including:

Ridiculous Recipes

The Tempest

The Art Room

Dark Inc

Most recently I played Taryn the poet in the Shakespeare inspired *Feeble Minds*.

I have also performed magic as part of a cabaret performance at Heart n Soul's Beautiful Octopus Club in Deptford.

I have led two drama workshops at Charlton School helping the students create their own drama piece.

I also dipped my toe into writing comedy sketches with a piece called *Up The Wahoola*.

Since I have been on Spare Tyre's Go inc to Work project I have been concentrating on my scriptwriting with my mentor Pete and I have written a pilot for a radio Sci-Fi Comedy series called *STRANDED*. The BBC Writer's Room rejected it, but for the dedicated writer this is all par for the course.

If you want to be a writer, especially if you want to write comedy, this is what you need to be aware of:

1. Try to be original. I have found that finding your own voice as a writer can be a lot harder than it sounds.
2. You must get used to having your work rejected. But whatever you do, do not let it stop you.

3. Always look around you for inspiration, you may find it in a newspaper headline or something you overheard on the bus.
4. Keep a notepad with you at all times. You never know when a good idea is going to strike.
5. Always have two pens with you, a thick one and a thin one, so you can write a rough draft on an A4 notepad. You can type it up later.
6. Read the work of other writers. This is another way to get inspired. It will also give you some idea as to how to structure a script.
7. If you find you are stuck don't worry. This happens to the best of us and it is called writers block. If it happens to you then leave it for a while, something is bound to strike when you least expect it...
8. Find a place to write where you will not be distracted.

If you need further help or information in this area then I can point you in the direction of these websites:

- www.bbc.co.uk/writersroom
- www.greaea.theatre.org

If you are interested in writing for radio:

- www.bbc.co.uk/radio7/chaingang

Get writing!