

# Simon Talbot - Creative Writer & Voice Talent

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## Experience

BBC Radio Suffolk **Presenter** ( March 08-Present)

Writing cues, generating and researching feature concepts and presenting live radio programming to a wide cross section of BBC Local Radio listeners. So far I have climbed the highest point in Suffolk, mined for fossilized faeces and followed the route of an Edwardian railway line that no longer exists.

Antenna Audio **Writer** ( March 07-Present)

I have recently completed writing a family audio tour and supporting materials for the National Gallery. The "Teach Your Grown Ups About Art Tour" combines distinctive character voices with fascinating secret facts to engage young visitors aged 7-11. I have also written travel audio guides for Discovery Communications exploring the cites of Milan and Munich. Aimed at an audience of irreverent 20 somethings, each guide highlights one hundred places of cultural, historical and social interest.

Spring Design & Advertising **Copywriter** (Sept 06 - Present)

Developing concepts and producing copy for marketing campaigns. and creative proposals. This has involved thinking about health for BUPA, beer for Adnams, holidays for West Norfolk Tourist Board and domestic hygiene for Blue Wonder cleaning products.

Voice 1-2-3 **Voice Talent** (May 06 - Present)

My voice has been used on Radio Commercials , Websites, Audiobooks and TV Documentaries.

Ipswich Evening Star **Feature Writer** (April 06)

To coincide with "Ipswich Gets Fit 06" I was commissioned to write a series of twice weekly articles humorously chronicling my attempts to master a variety of physical activities including aerobics, judo, under 14s cricket and jazz dancing.

n8tivemedia **Copywriter** (Jan 03 - Present)

Developing concepts and writing copy for projects such as Suffolk Libraries Sunday Opening campaign, The Cambridge Junction's "Amplifier" initiative and Monitor Audio's "iDeck" speaker system. Highlights include writing a marketing brochure that was a pastiche of a 1970s children's annual and a high-profile business presentation in the style of an East End gangster.

Skyline IFE **Audio Producer/Copywriter** (Aug 97-Oct 02)

Scripting and producing in flight audio programming for clients such as Air France, MyTravel, Airtours, Gulf Air and Deutsche BA. These included "The Mile High Comedy Club" and "Kids Zone."

## Education

University Of Westminster

**Media Studies (BA)**

Specializing in radio journalism, I particularly enjoyed writing an investigative piece about the Church of Scientology following a fascinating tour around their purpose built castle in East Grinstead.

A Levels

English, History, Sociology

## Awards/Achievements

Ipswich Community Radio

**Best Male Presenter , Most Creative Radio Show 2007**

BBC Comedy Writing Competition

**Winner 2002**

I was particularly pleased to win this as the judging panel included David Croft and the late John Peel. The winning entry was produced by BBC light entertainment and broadcast later that year featuring actors David Warder and Emma Kennedy.

## Interests

Ipswich Community Radio

**Presenter (2000-Present)**

As a vocal supporter of this eclectic community based radio station I have written and presented the comedy show "Chimps In Suits" the award winning speech programme " The Urban Sofa Beat Collective" and a news based Monday morning breakfast show. I am also a radio skills trainer, teaching programme making skills to young people and have hosted promotional live events such as the multimedia showcase "Braincandy" and the music festival "Hatchfest".

Comedy

**Writing**

I have performed my own material on the London stand up comedy circuit at venues such as Ha Bloody Ha, The Cosmic and The Comedy Cafe. I have also written sketch comedy that was performed at The Amused Moose and radio comedy that was broadcast BBC CWR. Online, I was the writer of two now sadly defunct comedy websites called Destination: Ipswich and Uncool.

Misc

**History/ Travel**

After discovering the "Flashman" books of George MacDonald Fraser as a teenager I developed a passionate love of history. I adore travel, meeting new people, seeing new things and making myself understood in a language that's not my own.

## Personal Profile

I have a seven year old son who loves science , I adopt a slight West Midlands accent when I get excited and I can't stand the smell of caramelized nuts.

References available upon request.