

If I can make the audience laugh, there's no job like it, says comic



Wirral-born actor and comic Liz Carr

WIRRAL comedian Liz Carr is bringing a brand new show to the city this weekend.

Actress and comic Liz has combined her talents to create a new one-woman play, *It Hasn't Happened Yet!*, which she will be performing in Liverpool on Saturday night as part of DaDaFest 2009.

A familiar face at the deaf and disabled arts festival, the Bebington-raised performer has taken part since the first event in 2001.

But the new show, the story of a wheelchair user trying to break into the world of comedy, draws on many of Liz's real life experiences.

She said: "It's heartfelt, funny, and very challenging – being an actor and a comedian at the same time.

"The play was born out of the idea of a disabled woman trying to make her way in mainstream comedy. It was about putting out there some of the experiences I had, just for people to observe my journey."

Liz, 37, was born in Port Sunlight and went to Upton Convent before becoming a full-time wheelchair user and transferring to Birkenhead High, which could better

accommodate her needs as a disabled person.

She has lived in London for the past five years, but previously broke into comedy as part of Liverpool sketch troupe *Nasty Girls*.

She said: "We had an absolute ball, taking the mick out of what it's like to be a disabled person and we did really well.

"But three disabled women? When it came to the critics, we got panned."

In London, she became involved in a similar company, *Abnormally Funny People*.

She said: "There wasn't ever any great plan to take on the world of comedy, I had no great desire to be a comic.

"I'm a night person, and I know I can be funny, so it appealed to me in that way.

"It's all been more about proving myself to me and other people.

"Although any comic will tell you when it goes well, when you make the audience laugh and forget themselves for a little bit, there's no job like it."

■ **IT HASN'T Happened Yet!** is on at the Unity Theatre Liverpool tomorrow.