

# Heydon Prowse

Writer, Performer & Actor – Co-Writer / Star of BAFTA Winning 'The Revolution Will Be Televised' on BBC3



## BIOGRAPHY

When Heydon was 11 he acted as Colin in the Agneska Holland film *The Secret Garden*. He decided not to pursue his childhood acting career as he had a lot of school work to do. He studied philosophy and cognitive science at the University of Sussex and then went on to study journalism. This ultimately led to his role as editor of online magazine Don't Panic, which was the birthplace of the BBC3 comedy series *The Revolution Will Be Televised*, which went on to win a Bafta, a Rose D'or and a Broadcast Digital Award.

Heydon's online videos for Don't Panic were a mixture of comedy pranks and investigative journalism and achieved wide coverage in national newspapers and television. Protesting MPs' second home expenses claims, Heydon would put satirical blue plaques on MPs' houses. He would fish for bankers in the city with a £5 note on the end of a fishing rod or D-lock the door of the Nobu sushi restaurant to protest their use of endangered blue fin tuna.

In perhaps his most explosive film, Heydon dug a hole and planted pansies in the shape of a pound sign in MP Alan Duncan's lawn as a protest over his taxpayer funded gardening expenses. The film went viral and hit the front pages. In a later meeting with Alan Duncan in the Houses of Parliament, Heydon took a secret camera and filmed Alan Duncan complaining that MPs were being 'treated like shit' and 'living on rations' when Alan was supposed to be in charge of Conservative Party expenses reform and was saying the exact opposite in the press. Heydon released the footage on the Don't Panic website. It hit the front pages and most major news broadcasters and drew responses from David Cameron himself.

As a journalist Heydon's humorous investigations have featured in The Guardian, The Independent, BBC Newsnight, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard and Huffington Post. He has exposed – among other things – government complicity in the sale of fraudulent bomb detectors to Iraq for Newsnight. Heydon's undercover films into the BNP and government departments posing as a mercenary also made the papers. His investigations were always satirical. In one film he posed as a representative of arms company Lockheed Martin and exposed an 'environmental' charity that was willing to help the arms company draw attention away from the collateral damage their bombs had caused in Iraq by finding an endangered bird of prey to sponsor in the middle east that 'suited Lockheed Martin's brand.'

As a director Heydon has made films for Channel 4, Vice, Sony, BBC, The Guardian, W Hotel, The English National Opera, Greenpeace and Shelter. He has won a Lovie and a W3 Gold award for directing branded content films.

In 2016 Heydon presented a documentary for BBC2 entitled *The Town that Took On The Taxman*, in which Heydon goes offshore and explores the world of tax evasion, and if anyone can do it.

He has presented documentaries for BBC3, Channel 4 and The Guardian and alongside Jolyon Rubinstein, his show *Revolting*, also made by Hat Trick Productions, aired on BBC2 in January 2017.

## ONLINE / DIGITAL

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY
2017	Revolting	Hat Trick Productions for BBC2
2016	Brexigeddon	Hat Trick Productions for BBC2

## TELEVISION

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2016	The Town That Took On The Taxman	Renegade for BBC2	
2015	Revolution Presents Democracy Dealers	Hat Trick for BBC3	
2014	The James & Barnaby Special	Hatrick for BBC3	
2012-14	The Revolution Will Be Televised	Hat Trick for BBC3	Series 1-3
2013	Horsemeat Banquet	Dragonfly	
2011	Dispatches: Selling Off Britain	Vera Productions	

## AWARDS

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2016	The Most Dangerous Town on The Internet - Norton (Presenter)	HELO	Cannes Lion Award
2013	The Revolution Will Be Televised		BAFTA Award for Best Comedy Programme
2013	The Revolution Will Be Televised		Broadcast Digital Award for Best Entertainment Programme
2011	Don't Panic Online		Gold Lovie Award for Branded Content