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Michael Elsener is Switzerland's wittiest Comedian

«I'm Swiss...and I'm funny.» How else could Swiss Comedian Michael Elsener introduce himself, knowing that Swiss people are better known for their leading-edge chocolate than their cutting edge humour. Michael Elsener is different. He is a master of wit born from the masters of chocolate. Widely known as «the Swiss John Oliver», he is described by other media outlets as «Switzerland's wittiest comedian». To others he's simply «the guy with the curly hair».

Michael started doing comedy at the age of 14. Together with his high school friend, he recorded video clips, which they'd show to their class on a school trip. Earning surprisingly big laughs, the class submitted the boys to the school's talent show. The two prepared a sketch, but three days before the show Michael's friend bailed out. After spending an evening fuming in his room, Michael found himself sitting on his bed for the whole night, writing down all the things he hated about his school. And so, Michael Elsener the standup was born.

On Friday night, he appeared on stage, as he was: curly angelic hair, wearing a retainer and speaking with his voice not yet broken. Overcoming this critical first moment on stage, the curly boy talks about how tough his teenage life is: trying so hard to rebel, but never being blamed for anything because he looks like an angel. He concluded with an imitation of the dreaded headmaster, who had been sitting in first row as a member of the jury. At the end of the show Michael was awarded the first prize and the public choice award.

In the following years, Michael started working as a journalist and touring as a Comedian while he was studying political science at the Universities of Zurich and Florence. Today he's Switzerland's sharpest and most political stand-up comedian. Not only has he inspired people in Switzerland and Germany, with his Live Show and Late Night Show, but also in New York City as part of the «Daily Show Correspondents` on Tour». His Stand Ups are acclaimed to be «more original than a Swiss Army Knife».

Since winning the talent-show in highschool, Michael seeks just one goal: to make people laugh by talking about life's inconsistencies, political madness and recounting experiences from his own miserable existence. When you see him perform, you'll be left in no doubt that he's Swiss...and funny.