

It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Sherlock, The Comedic World of Holmes

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Part IV

Vidar Magnussen (Sherlock Holmes) and **Bjarte Tjøstheim** (John Watson) from the Norwegian TV-show "Underholdningsavdelingen" are both fans of the BBC series "Sherlock". When they realized the similarity they decided to make a parody (2014).



Bjarte Tjøstheim and Vidar Magnussen

Watch Original Sherlock parody - Oklahomo at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPLsFTOpCRU>

Vidar Magnussen (Sherlock Holmes) and Bjarte Tjøstheim (John Watson) are back with a sequel (2014)!

Watch New Sherlock parody - Mind Phallus at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4aMU4g2B_Wo

Peter Holmes (1979 -) - this Holmes is an American. “Comedian Pete Holmes jumps into character as Sherlock Holmes and demonstrates how he truly sucks at deduction during a new comedy sketch based on the British television crime drama series Sherlock for The Pete Holmes Show (2014). His detailed theories were quite impressive, but 100% inaccurate. “The name, by the way, is Herlock Sholmes.”¹



Oren Brimer and Peter Holmes

Watch Peter Holmes in “Sherlock Holmes Sucks at Deduction” at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKQOk5UIQSc>

¹ <http://laughingsquid.com/sherlock-holmes-sucks-at-deduction-during-a-sherlock-comedy-sketch-by-pete-holmes/>

Li Yiyi (李依伊) and **Zhang Xiaohan (张骁晗)** as Sherlock Holmes and Watson in a New Balance China advertisement Imagine your girlfriend is Sherlock Holmes. How can you surprise her? Watson and Lady Sherlock Holmes fall in love (2014).



Li Yiyi and Zhang Xiaohan

Watch Watson and Lady Sherlock Holmes at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYjuqg-CwFg>

Eric Christensen plays Sherlock Holmes in “Murder? - The Board Game” (2014) a Sherlock Holmes parody. Murder™ is afoot! Get the World's Greatest Detective Sherlock Holmes on the case. The lovable new board game brings friends together to tear friendships apart.



Eric Christensen

Watch “Murder? - The Board Game” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Y2oM_e8ceg

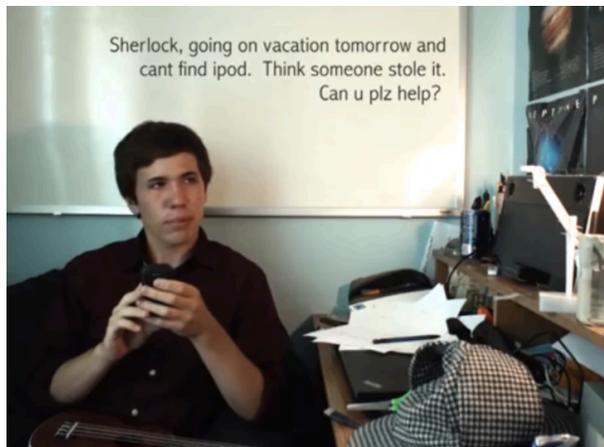
Christopher Stevens plays Sherlock. What would happen if Sherlock Holmes played Cluedo? Probably this, “Sherlock Plays Clue” (Cluedo) (2014).



Christopher Stevens

Watch “Sherlock Plays Clue” at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hM_viuDCTvI

Spencer Channell plays Sherlock and **Kyle Channell** plays John in “The Adventure of the Vanishing iPod - 'Sherlock' Parody” (2014). A parody of the BBC TV Series 'Sherlock,' taking a closer look at Sherlock's unnecessary intensity and realistically horrible problem-solving skills.



Spencer Channell

Watch “The Adventure of the Vanishing iPod” at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppMeElcgh8Q>

Jack, Joseph & Sherlock - promo of the pilot episode of "Jack, Joseph & Sherlock" (2014), the new genius of the great Vincent Finch. Don't ask me???



Jack, Joseph & Sherlock

See "Jack, Joseph & Sherlock" at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBEikoLtrQ8>

Travis Kent stars as Sherlock and Sean Welsh Brown plays the Doctor. "Wholock, The Musical"! The Doctor and Sherlock finally cross paths! It was really only a matter of time before someone paired Matt Smith's Eleventh Doctor with Benedict Cumberbatch's Sherlock Holmes in a musical number filled with lyrical one-upmanship. The duo agrees that they should team up, but which of them will be the assistant?



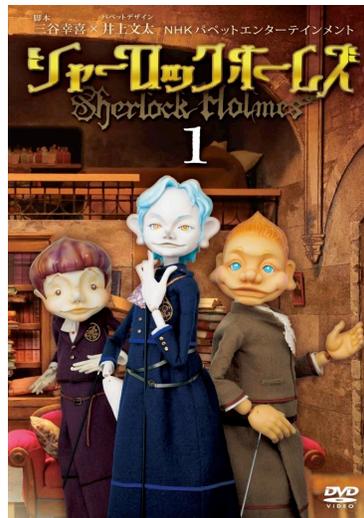
Travis Kent and Sean Welsh Brown

Watch "Wholock, The Musical" at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JoSdbku7Cio>

Yamadera Koichi (山寺宏一) and **Wataru Takagi (高木渉)** voice Sherlock Holmes and Watson, in “Sherlock Holmes” (シャーロック・ホームズ), a puppet doll play series written by **Mitani Kohki (三谷 幸喜)**, one of the most famous playwright in Japan. They are stories of young Sherlock Holmes and Watson in prep school. Like that of “Young Sherlock Holmes” By Steven Spielberg. The first series in three episodes were broadcasted in March (2014), and the second series in three episodes were in August (2014).



Yamadera Koichi (山寺宏一) and Wataru Takagi (高木渉)



This is the DVD of the first three episodes from Amazon:

http://www.amazon.co.jp/シャーロック・ホームズ-1-DVD-山寺宏一/dp/BookAVZ11M/ref=sr_1_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1413102554&sr=8-5&keywords=シャーロック・ホームズ%E3%80%80三谷幸喜



The second DVD is coming in November:

http://www.amazon.co.jp/シャーロック-ホームズ-2-DVD-山寺宏一/dp/BooMVRLN5Q/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1413102554&sr=8-2&keywords=シャーロック・ホームズ%E3%80%80三谷幸喜



This is a book of this series.

http://www.amazon.co.jp/シャーロックホームズ-冒険ファンブック-NHKパペットエンターテインメント-ワンダーライフスペシャル-三谷/dp/4091065449/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1413102554&sr=8-1&keywords=シャーロック・ホームズ%E3%80%80三谷幸喜

All Japanese sold DVD are protected. Oversea customers can not view them. I hope by next year, all of them are DVD sets.

Albert Chang and **Kevin Chung** collaborated on a on a music "mystery" video as a tribute to their favorite show BBC's "Sherlock". The video featured Albert Chang as the Sherlock/Violinist and Kevin Chung as the Watson/Cellist.



Albert Chang and Kevin Chung

They had this comment about the video, "We had so much fun setting up a fake crime scene, and then re-enacting the crime itself in this very tongue in cheek recreation of a "Sherlockian" mystery. As for the music, we played all the parts on violin, viola, and cello, along with drum samples from Logic Pro to create this orchestral soundtrack. Hope you all enjoy it as much as we did!"²

View the Sherlock (BBC) Medley - Cover by Albert Chang and Kevin Chung at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTPzgVGpB7E>

The combination of the BBC "Sherlock" and the popularity of Youtube has lead to an infinite number of fandom Sherlock videos. The one I've chosen to post next as the last entry for this essay is one of my favorites. I present to you Russian fandom's "I am Sherlocked" (2014) dancemob.

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTPzgVGpB7E>



I am Sherlocked Dancemob

Be sure to watch the "I am Sherlocked Dancemob" at: https://vk.com/video-10967989_168745022?list=09ec495059be69e056&from=wall-10967989_26810

To conclude this essay on a history of Sherlock Holmes humor, humorists, and just plain madness, I give you the world's oldest Sherlock Holmes joke, followed by a photo of Martin Freeman's reaction action after having heard it.

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine, they lay down for the night, and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Holmes asked. Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all-powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?" Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "Watson, you idiot. Somebody has stolen our tent!"



Martin Freeman

Note on the Tent Joke - It seems to be anonymous – see (scroll down):

<http://www.sherlockian.net/about/faq.html>

It has been considered one of (the?) world's best jokes – see:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-90935/Is-really-best-joke-world.html>

There are other Holmes jokes here:

<http://www.forumoflife.com/life/jokes-humour/59368-sherlock-holmes-jokes.html>

The Tent Joke is told on Youtube by Robert Skynner here:

<http://randomthoughts.club/youtube.php?video=GLWctTtEfBU>

My final comment on the tent joke is that, I discovered it on Hounds of the Internet as many others did back in 1998. It was told so often that it was actually scorned by many of the 'so-called' serious intellectuals of that discussion group. One member in particular, an extremely funny but warped humorist who went by the name the Rascally Lascar (I later learned was Bob Burr, B.S.I.), would go off like the atom bomb when it showed up. I had great fun lighting Mr. Burr's fuse

with it in those days. R.I.P. Mr. Robert Burr, we miss your sense of humor, you would have appreciated this madness.

The End

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The NPLH web-site really does have something for everyone, no matter what your interest in Holmes is, it will have something to offer.