

LIVING ROOM 8, 2004

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Guests: Andres Lokko, Sissela Kyle, David Fridlund.

Summary:

It's a barrel of laughs in this week's Living Room as the subject of comedy gets top billing.

Ringmaster Keith rolls up the final show in the series with journalist Andres Lokko, actress Sissela Kyle and frontman David Fridlund from band David & The Citizens.

As a serious music writer Andres Lokko says he still needs his share of silliness and satire - he's one of the six members of Swedish comedy ensemble Killingänget.

After being on the road together for 13 years, he reveals how keep their sanity through therapy.

A monkey on roller skates is all it takes for him to raise a chuckle but don't mention clowns, he has a personal fear of the slapstick funnymen.

The circus theme continues as Sissela Kyle reveals a worrying allergic reaction. The comic actress talks about the need to laugh and whether impressions are just too cruel.

Meanwhile, David Fridlund sings "Sore Feet and Blisters" and explains how song-writing enables him to express his deep and meaningful feelings. He sounds out by airing his frustrations with the music industry.

All that and more in this week's Living Room, where chatter flows alongside tea and biscuits.

Words:

similarities – *likheter*

seldom – *sällan, inte ofta*

modest – *anspråkslös*

laugh – *skratt*

'take the mickey' (expression) – *driva med, skoja med, skämta med*

impression – *imitation*

psychopaths – *psykopater*

Questions:

1. Discuss different types of humour, for example, what's the difference between the satire and slapstick?
2. If you 'take the mickey' out of someone you could just be 'pulling their leg'? Some examples of strange sounding but common English expressions. But where did they come from and what do they really mean? Research both phrases on the web and find out.
3. What does your surname mean in English? Are you able to translate it? Research its origins and find out where it comes from.
4. The fear of clowns is called 'coulrophobia'. Why do people have phobias? What's yours? Find some of the strangest types of phobias on the website listed below.
5. Step into the shoes of music journalist Andres Lokko and write a review of the latest CD you have bought.

Tips:

<http://www.phobialist.com/reverse.html#A> - Lists of common and bizarre phobias

<http://phrases.shu.ac.uk/> - The Phrase Finder

<http://www.thecitizens.nu> – David & The Citizen's website in English