



Simply Sharon

How she's reinventing herself and the traditional variety show—Osbourne style

How did you come up with the idea for *Osbournes: Reloaded*, which debuts this month on Fox? Last year the four of us [Ozzy, Sharon, Kelly and Jack] joined up to host *The Brits*, the English equivalent of the Grammy Awards. We had such a good time we decided we should do something together again.

You've said that no one's ever seen anything like this new show. Should we be nervous? It's not scary or mean. It's a bit irreverent. Guests like Britney Spears and Elton John will be doing things you wouldn't normally see them do.

You're also on *America's Got Talent*. Do you think you're a better judge than Simon Cowell? I don't think so. Simon has a great instinct for what the general public will like. I'm more extreme in my taste.

Be honest. Do you think David Hasselhoff is the Paula Abdul of *America's Got Talent*? Oh, God, yes. He never stops crying. He gets emotionally involved.

You recently signed a deal to write two novels. How did that come about? A book company asked if I'd ever thought about it. I said, "Only if it was really dirty and raunchy." And they said, "That's just what we're looking for."

You were diagnosed with colon cancer in 2002. How did that change your life? It was a shock because there hadn't been cancer in my family. Ozzy had a nervous breakdown. The kids went crazy. That's the thing about cancer—the whole family gets sick with it.

But you're okay now? Yes.

You're open about having had plastic surgery. What have you had done? My breasts, my face, liposuction, a tummy tuck, a leg lift ... I've had everything you can think of except for my eyes and lips. I wouldn't touch them.

Is there any other plastic surgery you would consider in the future? No, because I've really abused my poor old body that way. I have to respect it and not do any more.

What would surprise people about you? I lead a quiet life. It's really hard to get Ozzy and me out to something. There has to be a very good reason to go. —Ellen Byron

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