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Imogene Coca is best remembered as one of the driving forces behind the popular variety show *Your Show of Shows* (1950-54), in which she starred with Sid Caesar. Her physical, non-verbal comedy perfectly offset Caesar's bizarre characterizations and antics. Coca won an Emmy for Best Actress in 1951 for her work on the series. After *Your Show of Shows* was canceled, however, neither Coca nor Caesar were ever able to attain a similar level of popularity and all of Coca's sitcom attempts were soon canceled. Even a series that reunited the two in 1958 was unsuccessful, proving that television popularity is more a function of viewer mood than an actor's talent.

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