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Welcome

to Milton Keynes Comedy Festival 2026!

Hello and welcome to the inaugural Milton Keynes Comedy Festival! From 9–12 July 2026, the city centre will come alive with four days of laughter, entertainment, and unforgettable live comedy.

The festival celebrates comedy in all its forms — from stand-up and improv to interactive and alternative performances. Our goal is simple: **to give everyone the chance to laugh, discover new talent, and enjoy amazing shows across the City.**

This year, audiences can enjoy nationally acclaimed comedians including **Joe Pasquale, Ed Byrne, Sara Pascoe, Simon Brodkin, Rhys James, Ninia Benjamin, Matt Richardson and Ria Lina,** alongside a host of familiar favourites and alternative acts performing across Milton Keynes' fantastic venues.

"We're so excited to bring Milton Keynes its first ever city-wide comedy festival. From big name headliners to unique one-off shows in brilliant local venues, there really is something for everyone. The response from the city has been incredible, and we can't wait for audiences to experience four unforgettable days of laughter this July."

Jill Farnsworth, CEO of MyMiltonKeynes BID



Delivered by MyMiltonKeynes BID in partnership with The Comedy Cow, the festival celebrates the city's vibrant cultural scene and the joy of live performance. Whether you're a long-time comedy fan or looking for a fun night out with friends, there's never been a better time to experience Milton Keynes in full laughter mode.

Grab your tickets, plan your weekend, and get ready for a festival full of laughter, surprises, and unforgettable moments!

Find out more about MyMiltonKeynes BID

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Full Festival Line Up

Thursday 9 July

Milton Keynes Comedy Festival Launch Night Showcase

8pm, Hotel La Tour, £32, 18+

Joe Pasquale
Sara Pascoe
Simon Brodkin **Matt Richardson**

Friday 10 July

Friday Night Best of The Fest

8pm, MERKUR Casino, £25, 18+

Ria Lina
Eshaan Akbar
Janine Harouni **Steve Bugeja**

Saturday 11 July

12.30pm, Midsummer Tap, £12, 18+
The Noise Next Door - Comedy Improvised

12.30pm, MK Gallery, £15, 16+
It's me, Ed Byrne WIP*

2pm, Midsummer Tap, £12, 18+
Hal Cruttenden WIP*

2pm, MK Gallery, £15, 16+
John Robertson, The Dark Room

2pm, MK Gallery Learning Room, £12, 16+
Darren Harriott: Activated

3.30pm, Midsummer Tap, £12, 18+
CSI: Crime Scene Improvisation

3.30pm, MK Gallery, £12, 16+
Glenn Moore WIP*

3.30pm, MK Gallery Learning Room, £12, 16+
Lost Voice Guy - Talk in progress

5pm, Midsummer Tap, £12, 18+
Felicity Ward - I wish I could come out of my shell WIP*



Saturday 11 July

5pm, MK Gallery, £12, 16+
Spencer Jones WIP*

5pm, MK Gallery Learning Room, £7, 16+
Mark Row WIP*

Saturday Night Best Of The Fest

7pm, MK Gallery, £25, 18+
Rhys James
Ninia Benjamin
Paul Tonkinson Olivia Lee

Sunday 12 July

1pm, Blossom Room, £45, 18+
Blossom Room Bottomless Brunch:
Aurie Styla Jon Pearson

1pm, MK Gallery, £69.95
Faulty Towers Dining Experience

1.30pm, MK Gallery Event Space, £10, 16+
Fiona Allen WIP*

Sunday 12 July

1.30pm, Revolución De Cuba, £10, 16+
Tez Ilyas WIP*

1.30pm, The Residence, £8, 16+
MK Theatre of Comedy:
The Puddleford Podcast

3pm, Revolución De Cuba, £8, 16+
Brennan Reece: Live!

3.30pm, MK Gallery Event Space, £10, 16+
Sophie Duker
- Hot Beef Injection WIP*

4.30pm, Revolución De Cuba, £10, 16+
Jo Caulfield WIP*

4.30pm, The Residence, £8, 16+
MK Theatre of Comedy:
Pitch Slapped

6pm, MK Gallery, £69.95
Faulty Towers Dining Experience

7.30pm, The Residence, £8, 16+
MK Theatre of Comedy:
Whose Turn?

***WIP** = Work in progress

Venue Information



Hotel La Tour

400 Marlborough Gate, MK9 3FP

Hotel La Tour is an independent, centrally located destination in Milton Keynes, designed for guests to stay, dine, work and play. With 261 beautifully appointed bedrooms, a purpose-built conference and events floor, and a stunning skyline bar and restaurant offering 360-degree panoramic views where guests can enjoy handcrafted cocktails and delectable dishes in style. Modern luxury and exceptional hospitality set the tone throughout, creating the perfect setting for an unforgettable stay.



Midsummer Tap

12th Street, 499 Midsummer Blvd, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2EA

Located in 12th Street, the Midsummer Tap is a bar and restaurant serving up delicious food and drink.

With a wide range of beers on tap, from local brews to international favourites, there's something for every beer lover. But it's not just about the beer. Midsummer Tap also offers a menu of hearty pub grub, perfect for a quick bite or a leisurely meal. The atmosphere is always buzzing, with regular live music and events. The quirky modern venue, has been decorated with a rustic pub and bar feel, with a mixture of comfy booth seating and casual high tables and stools perfect for watching sports with a crisp drink!



The Residence Bar & Kitchen

The Hub, 2 Rillaton Walk, MK9 2BQ

The Residence Bar & Kitchen is a contemporary bar and kitchen concept located in the heart of the hub in Milton Keynes, designed to offer more than a fleeting or one-dimensional experience. It is built around longevity, presence, and evolution, allowing the venue to properly settle into its surroundings and become part of the city's social fabric.

The space is warm, inviting, and relaxed, created to feel welcoming at any time of day. Guests can drop in casually, stay awhile, and feel at home, whether they're meeting friends, unwinding after work, or enjoying food and drinks in an easy-going setting. The concept allows the menu, atmosphere, and overall identity to develop naturally over time, shaped by its audience, the seasons, and the energy of the hub itself.

As the week unfolds, the venue transforms. At weekends, The Residence comes alive with live music and DJs,

creating a vibrant yet exciting buzz that draws people together. The result is a living, ever-evolving bar and kitchen rooted in Milton Keynes in The Hub, driven by community, and designed to leave a lasting impression.



Blossom Room

The Hub, 4 Mortimer Square, MK9 2FB

The 'jewel' of The Hub, Milton Keynes, Blossom Room is a stylish Japanese-inspired lounge bar designed for unforgettable days and electric nights.

From beautifully presented small plates — think crispy tempura, flavour-packed gyozas and signature dishes made to share — to expertly crafted cocktails that are as Instagram-worthy as they are delicious, Blossom Room is all about experience.

By day, it's the perfect setting for relaxed lunches, elegant afternoon teas and our hugely popular Bottomless Brunch. By night, the energy rises with live DJs, percussion performances and an atmosphere that feels both glamorous and welcoming.

Whether you're celebrating a birthday, planning a special date night, organising a corporate event or simply meeting friends for cocktails, Blossom Room blends premium dining with vibrant entertainment.

Expect striking interiors, exceptional service and a space that transforms effortlessly from laid-back luxury to full-on celebration.

Blossom Room isn't just a bar or restaurant — it's where Milton Keynes comes to celebrate.



MK Gallery

12th Street, 900 Midsummer Blvd, MK9 3QA

MK Gallery brings world-class exhibitions and events together with pioneering learning and community programmes to Milton Keynes.

An independent café and shop, cinema from Curzon, and spectacular views over Campbell Park feature in this expanded building, which launched in 2019.

Three major exhibitions are presented each year across five elegant and spacious galleries, from thematic group exhibitions to in-depth solo presentations. Alongside the exhibitions, they offer workshops, talks and conferences, mixing emerging and locally based talent with established names. They also deliver a weekly film programme featuring the best of independent cinema in partnership with Curzon. They offer schools and family activities throughout the year and their artist-designed play area is open 365 days a year.

MK Gallery works with partners locally, nationally and internationally to bring the best cultural activities into the region. The Gallery is part of the Arts Council's National Portfolio and a member of the Plus Tate network.

MK Gallery Event Space

12th Street, 900 Midsummer Blvd, MK9 3QA

The Event Space is a bright and versatile venue suitable for any occasion, including talks, gigs, formal or informal board meetings, wedding receptions, and family gatherings.



MK Gallery Learning Space

12th Street, Ground Floor, 900 Midsummer Blvd, MK9 3QA

A naturally lit Learning Studio, located on the Ground Floor of MK Gallery adjacent to the exhibition galleries.



Revolución de Cuba

12th Street, 21 Savoy Cres, MK9 3PU

Revolución de Cuba, in the heart of the theatre district in Milton Keynes, offers a unique and diverse Food and Cocktail menu. Join them every Sunday, for a Havana Good Sunday, with 2-4-1 tapas and 2-4-£10 cocktails all day long, the perfect way to relax on a Sunday afternoon. Only a few minutes' walk from the shopping centre and a 10-minute quick drive from the train station, Revolución de Cuba is the perfect destination. Cocktails, music and food dishes all created with Latin influence providing you with unique experience that you cannot find elsewhere. Diverse spaces perfect for a relaxing day or even a dance if you fancy fiesta.



MERKUR Casino Milton Keynes

Xscape, 602 Marlborough Gate, MK9 3XS

MERKUR Casino Milton Keynes offers a vibrant entertainment destination in the heart of the city, combining exciting gaming with a lively social atmosphere. Whether you are visiting for the thrill of the games, to watch live sport, or simply to enjoy a night out with friends, the venue provides something for everyone.

Alongside a wide selection of modern slot machines and electronic gaming, the venue is home to a dedicated sports bar where guests can catch the latest live sporting action on big screens. It is the perfect place to relax, enjoy a drink and soak up the atmosphere while watching major sporting events.

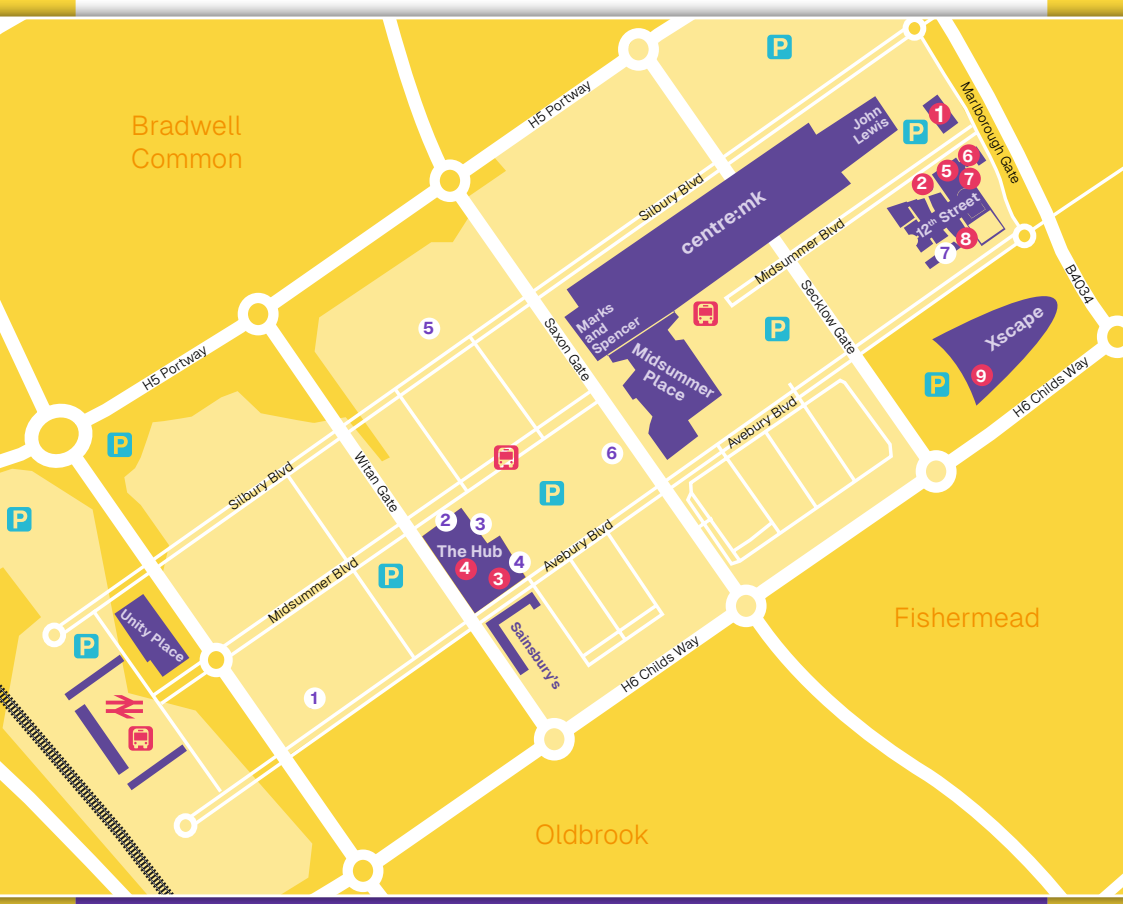
MERKUR Casino Milton Keynes also features a flexible entertainment space that regularly hosts live music, events, and special occasions, making it a popular spot for both gaming and social gatherings. With comfortable surroundings and a friendly team ready to welcome every guest, the venue offers a fun and relaxed environment for visitors throughout the week.

Whether you are here for the sport, the entertainment, or the gaming, MERKUR Casino Milton Keynes is a place to enjoy great moments together.

Festival Map

Venues

1. Hotel La Tour
2. Midsummer Tap
3. The Residence Bar & Kitchen
4. Blossom Room
5. MK Gallery
6. MK Gallery Event Space
7. MK Gallery Learning Space
8. Revolución de Cuba
9. MERKUR Casino



Hotels

1. Hotel La Tour
1. Premier Inn (Avebury)
2. Leonardo
3. Travelodge
4. Moxy
5. Easy Hotel
6. Holiday Inn
7. Premier Inn (12th Street)

The Comedy Cow is a stand-up comedy club and promoter of live comedy events based in Milton Keynes. Since its launch in October 2011, the club has grown from a grassroots passion project into one of the city's best-known outlets for live comedy, regularly hosting both emerging talent and established names from the UK comedy circuit.

The Comedy Cow began as a small show for friends and family at The Crown in Stony Stratford. It was created by two comedy-loving friends — originally full-time secondary school teachers — who wanted to bring accessible, high quality stand-up to their hometown. By focusing on affordable tickets, a welcoming atmosphere, and a range of comedy styles (traditional stand-up, musical comedy, observational humour, dark and daft sets), the club quickly drew regular audiences.

Over the years, The Comedy Cow expanded beyond its original venue to operate at a variety of locations across Milton Keynes and the surrounding area. Now hosting regular monthly events in Walnut Tree, Stony Stratford and Newport Pagnell.

They also host "Prime Cut" theatre nights — larger, headline-driven shows featuring some of the UK's best-known comics — at Milton Keynes Theatre with acts such as Seann Walsh, Adam Kay, Mark Watson, Tom Davis and Ninia Benjamin on recent bills.

Their events also include New Material and New Act nights, giving up-and-comers a stage to test new jokes in front of supportive audiences. These nights have become a key part of the club's identity, nurturing local talent and keeping the comedy scene in Milton Keynes vibrant and diverse, however, the nights have grown in popularity and also sees newer acts travelling from across the country to be seen on The Comedy Cow stage.

From the start, The Comedy Cow's ethos has been to offer top-notch comedy that's welcoming and affordable. Their nights bring together a mix of professional touring acts and rising stars, giving audiences a blend of familiar favourites and fresh voices. It's a club dedicated to lovers of stand-up rather than late-night party culture, and it has developed a loyal following over more than a decade.

Over more than a decade since its founding, The Comedy Cow has become a cornerstone of live entertainment in Milton Keynes. It has showcased some of the UK's finest comedic talent — from local newcomers to household names — and continues to drive a thriving comedy culture in the region.

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Key Information

Where to Stay

Milton Keynes City Centre offers a wide range of accommodation to suit all budgets, all within easy reach of festival venues, restaurants and bars.

Hotels including Hotel La Tour and Premier Inn sit at the top end of the city centre near 12th Street and Xscape. This area is home to venues such as MERKUR (within Xscape), Midsummer Tap, Revolución de Cuba and MK Gallery, all located within 12th Street (formerly the Theatre District).

Around the shopping centres and the Hub district — where venues such as Blossom Room and The Residence are located — visitors will find a range of nearby hotels including Leonardo Hotel Milton Keynes, Holiday Inn Milton Keynes Central, Moxy Milton Keynes, Travelodge Milton Keynes Central, easyHotel Milton Keynes and Premier Inn Milton Keynes Central. All are within easy walking distance of the main shopping destinations, centre:mk and Midsummer Place. Within the Hub itself, there are three hotels.

For a full overview of city centre accommodation, visit our dedicated Hotel Guide on the Milton Keynes City Centre website.

How to Get Here:

By Car

Milton Keynes is easily accessible:

From the M1 North – exit at Junction 14 and follow signs to Central Milton Keynes.

From the M1 South - exit at Junction 13 onto the A421 and follow signs for Central Milton Keynes. For a more direct route, exit at Junction 14 and follow signs to Central Milton Keynes.

From the A5 (both directions) – exit at Portway and follow signs to Central Milton Keynes or Station, which will take you to the Central area.

By Bus

Visit: www.getaroundmk.org.uk/on-board

Parking

We recommend downloading the RingGo app before you arrive, allowing you to manage and extend your parking remotely.

Street parking operates via RingGo, and multi-storey car parks are located at both Midsummer Place shopping centre and centre:mk shopping centre, located at either end of the shopping district.

Parking at Xscape is operated by separate providers and uses a pay-on-exit system, so please check the signage carefully when parking in this area.

Parking across the city centre is free after 6pm, but if you're attending an evening event, please check individual car park closing times in advance.

By Train

Milton Keynes Central is just a short walk from the city centre. On exiting the station, walk straight ahead using the underpasses — Milton Keynes is designed so pedestrians don't need to cross major roads.

Within approximately 10 minutes you'll reach Leonardo Hotel and The Hub district (located behind the hotel). Here you will find some of the venues, such as Blossom Room & The Residence.

If you're heading towards Hotel La Tour, 12th Street or Xscape (around 30 minutes on foot), taxis are available directly outside the station. Buses, scooters and Santander Cycles are also available to hire.

Taxi Postcodes:

The Hub (The Residence & Blossom Room) – MK9 2HP

12th Street/Hotel LaTour (MK Gallery, Revolución de Cuba & Midsummer Tap) – MK9 3QA

Xscape (MERKUR) – MK9 3XS
centre:mk – MK9 3ES

Explore more

Explore more of Milton Keynes City Centre by visiting mymk.cc, where you'll find helpful guides to where to eat, where to grab a coffee, and things to do while you're enjoying the comedy festival.

The site is also packed with practical information, including **parking options, latest offers,** and plenty of inspiration to help you make the most of your time in the city centre. Whether you're planning your visit or looking for somewhere to unwind between shows, you'll find everything you need in one place.



Your ultimate guide to evenings in Milton Keynes: everything you need in one place.

At 5pm, MK City Centre is just getting started. From restaurants and bars to entertainment and late night shopping, discover everything you can do.

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@mkcitycentre on **Tiktok**, **instagram** and **facebook** for all the latest about the Comedy Festival and everything else going on in the city centre.

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Accessing the Festival

We're committed to making our comedy festival accessible and welcoming to everyone. We've included accessibility information for each of our venues so you can easily see what support and facilities are available.

To keep things inclusive, we've set our ticket prices as low as possible for all attendees, so we don't offer separate free carer tickets. However, if you have specific accessibility needs or require support to attend, we're here to help.

Please get in touch with us at info@mymiltonkeynes.co.uk and we'll work with you to make your visit as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

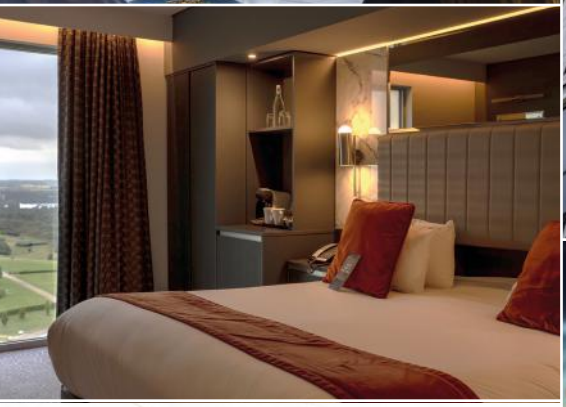
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MyMiltonKeynes BID commissioned AccessAble to create a City Centre-wide Accessibility Guide. It covers seven key areas within Milton Keynes City Centre, including Xscape, The Hub, centre:mk, 12th Street and Midsummer Place. The Guide highlights essential accessibility features like Changing Places toilets, accessible parking, and pedestrian-friendly crossings.







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Milton Keynes Comedy Festival Launch Night Showcase

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Join us as we celebrate the official launch of the Milton Keynes Comedy Festival at Hotel La Tour!

Hosted by the brilliant Matt Richardson and featuring comedy icons Joe Pasquale, Simon Brodkin, and Sara Pascoe, this unforgettable evening promises world-class stand-up, electric atmosphere, and huge laughs from start to finish.









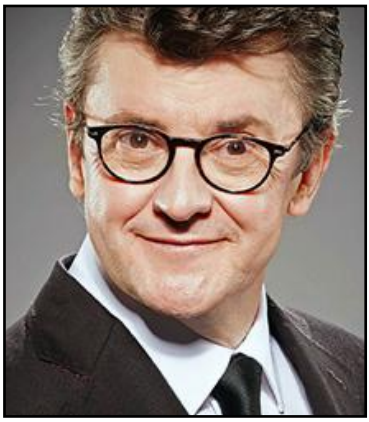
Thursday 9 July 2026
Timings
Doors: **7pm**
Show Start: **8pm**
Tickets £32
Address Hotel La Tour
400 Marlborough Gate,
Milton Keynes MK9 3FP

Line Up

Joe Pasquale
Sara Pascoe
Simon Brodkin
Matt Richardson

Age Restrictions:
Strictly Over 18s only

Wheelchair accessible



Joe Pasquale

Joe's TV career started as a runner-up on '**New Faces**' in 1987 and since then, he has gone on to be **crowned King Of The Jungle on ITV's 'I'm a Celebrity Get Me out Of Here'** in 2004; Hosted an ITV Special '**An Audience With Joe Pasquale**'; hosted the long running television series '**The Price Is Right**' for ITV, starred in ITV's '**Dancing on Ice**' in 2013; dangled from the ceiling of the London Palladium for ITV's '**Live From The Palladium**'; taken part in ITV's '**Sugar Free Farm**'; Bared all on ITV1's **'The All New Monty: Who Bares Wins' for Stand-up To Cancer**; appeared on **five Royal Variety Performances**; spent time in a Costa Rican prison for Virgin One's '**The Prisoner X**' documentary season; spent five days alone in the jungles of Guyana for Discovery Channels **'Alone In The Wild Series**'; had numerous guest appearances on BBC's '**Celebrity Mastermind**' and '**Celebrity Chase**' and most recently **won ITV1's 'I'm A Celebrity – Masked Singer Special'** (2023), as well as being a regular contributor on C4's '**The Last Leg**'



Sara Pascoe

Sara Pascoe is a critically acclaimed comedian, author, screenwriter and broadcaster whose latest stand-up show I Am a Strange Gloop is her biggest ever and will tour the UK, Australia and Canada from 2025, including playing the UK's iconic London Palladium in 2026.

2025 also sees Sara's return to hosting **The Great British Sewing Bee** for BBC One and starring alongside a stella line up of British comedians in Prime Video's **Last One Laughing UK**, co-hosted by Jimmy Carr and Roisin Conaty. As a TV regular, Sara has appeared on the likes of **Taskmaster** (C4), **Live at the Apollo** (BBC Two), **QI** (BBC Two), **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown** (Channel 4) and **Mock the Week** (BBC Two) to name a few.

Sara is the co-host, alongside comedian and long-time friend Cariad Lloyd of **Sara & Cariad's Weirdos Book Club** - an audio book club for people who don't like wine, or nibbles, or being around other people.

As an author, Sara released her first novel **Weirdo** in 2023, following Sunday Times Best Selling non-fiction book **Sex, Power, Money**. Sara's break out book **Animal** - which combined autobiography with evolutional history, was developed into the full BBC sitcom.

MORE INFORMATION - BOOK TICKETS



Simon Brodkin

Acclaimed character comedian and "the world's most famous blagger" (The Daily Telegraph). Simon is now performing as himself.

Star of **Britain's Greatest Hoaxer** (Channel 4) Simon hit global headlines multiple times for his high-profile stunts, including handing Theresa May a P45 during her speech at the Conservative Party Conference, showering disgraced FIFA president Sepp Blatter with bank notes, and surrounding Donald Trump at the opening of his golf courses with 60 swastika-emblazoned golf balls.

He also is known for attaching a 25-foot sign to the side of Sir Philip Green's super yacht, and going on Britain's Got Talent as the ultra-orthodox Jewish rapper Steven Goldblatt – fooling Simon Cowell and the other judges to win four 'yeses'. Britain's Greatest Hoaxer was nominated for best Documentary at the Monte Carlo TV Festival Golden Nymph Awards 2018.

In a previous stunt, Simon also managed to join Kanye West as the American performed his headline Glastonbury set on the Pyramid Stage. He rapped alongside West in front of 200,000 people into a toy microphone he'd bought from Argos.

In character as Premier League footballer Jason Bent, Simon has warmed up with the Manchester City team before a fixture against Everton and joined the England squad as they were boarding the plane to the World Cup in Brazil.

Simon's most famous character is "comedy legend" (The Sun) Lee Nelson, writing and staring in two series of BBC Three's ratings smash **Lee Nelson's Well Good Show** and the sketch series **Lee Nelson's Well Funny People**, which introduced the nation to a plethora of brilliant characters.



Matt Richardson

Starting stand-up in 2009 at just 18, Matt quickly became one of the youngest rising comedians on the circuit. Early on, he reached the finals of So You Think You're Funny and the Chortle Student Comedy Award, finished runner-up in the Reading Comedy Festival New Act of the Year, and won both the Newbury and Bath Comedy Festival new act competitions—all before turning 20.

He soon established himself across major UK comedy clubs and performed internationally. By 2020, Matt had become a seasoned TV host, presenting shows such as **The Hangover Games (E4)**, **The Red Bull Soapbox Race (Dave)**, **Celebrity Haunted Mansion and Celebrity Haunted Hotel (W)**, as well as fronting ITV2 documentaries **Pampered Pooches: Hollywood** and **Meet The Family Guys**. His first presenting role came at age 22, co-hosting **The Xtra Factor (ITV2)** with Caroline Flack.

Alongside TV hosting, Matt led **Virgin Radio's Drive Time show** for three years before returning to his passion for comedy. He co-hosts the hit podcast **When No One's Watching** with Matt Willis and has appeared on numerous TV programmes, including **Roast Battle**, **Drunk History**, **Never Mind the Buzzcocks**, **Celebrity Juice**, **CelebAbility**, **The Stand Up Sketch Show**, **Top Gear: Extra Gear**, and **Love Island: Aftersun**. His first tour, **Hometown Hero** (2013–2014), spanned 54 dates, followed by his acclaimed 2017 Edinburgh show **Slash**, which earned multiple five-star reviews and toured for 60 dates. In 2024, Matt returns to stages nationwide with his new UK tour, **Brash**.

Friday Night Best of The Fest

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Get your weekend off to a flying start with a huge night of stand-up at MERKUR Casino as part of the Milton Keynes Comedy Festival 2026!

This Friday night special brings together an outstanding line-up of comedy talent.









Friday 10 July 2026

Timings

Doors: **7pm**

Show Start: **8pm**

Tickets £25

Address MERKUR Casino Milton Keynes, Xscape, 602 Marlborough Gate, MK9 3XS

Line Up

Ria Lina

Eshaan Akbar

Janine Harouni

Steve Bugeja

Wheelchair accessible

Age Restrictions: 18+ Entry is subject to the presentation of valid photo ID and standard venue checks. Individuals registered with SENSE, self-excluded, or subject to a casino exclusion will not be permitted entry. Please note that, regardless of how old you may appear, valid photo ID is required due to casino policy.



Ria Lina

Ria Lina is a touring Filipina comedian, actress and writer known for her appearances on BBC's Live At The Apollo, Have I Got News For You, The Now Show and Mock The Week – and in November was named as one of The Evening Standard's 'Hottest Comedians You Should Be Watching Now'. Throughout her stand-up career Ria has taken five shows to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival with her work tackling topics such as autism, topical news and racial identity. Her career stretches from stage and screen, to radio and the occasional ukulele – all in a unique style described by 'The Scotsman' as 'fearless , provocative and very funny'.

Ria is the only Filipina comedian in British stand up and has a BSc in Experimental Pathology, an MSc in Forensic Science and a PhD in Virology under her belt, so it's not only Ria's comedy that's highly intelligent. A regular pundit on **Sky News**, **BBC News**, **Times Radio** and **TalkRadio**, Ria is in demand for both her scientific insight, confident delivery and biting wit.

A prolific writer, Ria has written for **the Ladyboys of Bangkok 'Fantasy & Feathers'** and **'Glamorous Amorous' tours**, and wrote and acted in ITV2 comedy sketch show **'Meet the Blogs'**. She has also written and presented her own Channel 4 documentary that revealed the truth behind the myths that surround East Asian women in Britain.



Eshaan Akbar

Eshaan Akbar has appeared on major comedy and panel shows including Live at the Apollo, Mock the Week, QI - where he became the first person of Bangladeshi heritage to feature - The Now Show, Frankie Boyle's New World Order, and The Big Asian Stand Up Night. He also stars as Principal Lakhani in season 4 of Netflix's hit series Sex Education. As a voice actor, he portrayed Rishi Sunak, Sajid Javid, and Narendra Modi on Spitting Image. His podcast work includes hosting BBC Sounds' But Where Are You Really From?, Audible's Panic Room, and the award-winning business podcast Nine Twenty Nine. He has hosted shows on BBC Asian Network and Radio 4Xtra, and is a regular guest on the Have A Word podcast.

In 2023, Eshaan toured the UK with his show The Pretender, praised by The Times as a "refreshingly funny hour... ★★★★". He has performed three sold-out Edinburgh Fringe shows - **Not for Prophet**, **Prophet Like It's Hot**, and **Infidel-ity** - each transferring to the Soho Theatre. Eshaan has supported top comedians including Micky Flanagan on nine sold-out O2 Arena dates, as well as Akaash Singh, Sindhu Vee, Kae Kurd, Adam Rowe, Dan Nightingale, and Hal Cruttenden.

MORE INFORMATION - BOOK TICKETS



Janine Harouni

Janine Harouni is an American actress and stand-up comedian based in the UK. A two-time Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee, she's a regular on UK TV shows like The Last Leg, Live at the Apollo, Mock the Week and The Russell Howard Hour. She's also opened for comics like Jack Whitehall and Michael Che. Harouni has appeared in films and TV shows such as The Batman, Patrick Melrose, Collette, The Franchise, and Bob's Burgers

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Steve Bugeja

Steve Bugeja is one of the circuit's most exciting comedians. Steve has done numerous national tours after critically acclaimed runs at the Edinburgh Fringe festival. Steve hosted the BBC Radio 4 series Economics with Subtitles and has made numerous appearances on TV shows including The Russell Howard Hour (Sky One), Love Island: Aftersun (ITV2), Russell Howard's Stand Up Central (Comedy Central) and Zoe Ball on Saturday (ITV1).

Steve is the co-creator and star of ITV2's hit sitcom **Buffering** in which he plays the role of Finn. Steve as well as co-writing every episode was also the associate producer for series 2.

Making a name for himself internationally, Steve has twice been invited to perform at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, appearing on **Opening Night Comedy Allstars Supershow (ABC1)** and on **Comedy Up Late (ABC1)**.

A prolific writer, Steve was a key member of the writing team for the voiceover on **Love Island USA (NBC)**, **Love Island UK (ITV2)**, **The Russell Howard Hour (Sky One)**, **Roast The Internet (Comedy Central)** and for **CelebAbility (ITV2)**. He has also contributed material to **Mock the Week (BBC2)**, **8 Out of 10 Cats (Channel 4)** and various **BBC Radio 4 shows**.

Steve won the **BBC New Comedy Award** in 2013 and has since performed numerous Edinburgh Fringe shows and national tours.



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"Hilarious... A superior kind of chaos" Telegraph
"21st century comedy at its finest and funniest." The Stage
"Comedy gold... Staggeringly well executed." Guardian
"Phenomenal" Daily Mirror

Saturday 11 July 2026
Timings
Bar Open: 12.00pm
Entry: 12.00pm
Show Starts: 12.30pm
Tickets £12
Address
Midsummer Tap Milton Keynes,
Savoy Crescent, Milton Keynes MK9 3PU
Age Restrictions: Age Suggestion: 15+

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Hal Cruttenden

Work In Progress

Hal Cruttenden is one of the top stand up comedians working in the UK today, as well as being a highly accomplished writer and actor.

He has made several appearances on **'Live at the Apollo'**, **'Have I Got News For You'** and **'The Royal Variety Performance'** as well as regular appearances on shows such as **'Mock the Week'**, **'The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice'** and **'The Apprentice: You're Fired'**. He's written and starred in his own sitcom, **'Hal'** on Radio 4 (co-written with Dominic Holland).

Hal will be bringing a work in progress show, with a mixture of some old and new material

Saturday 11 July 2026

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Bar Open: 12.00pm
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Show Starts: 2.00pm

Tickets £12

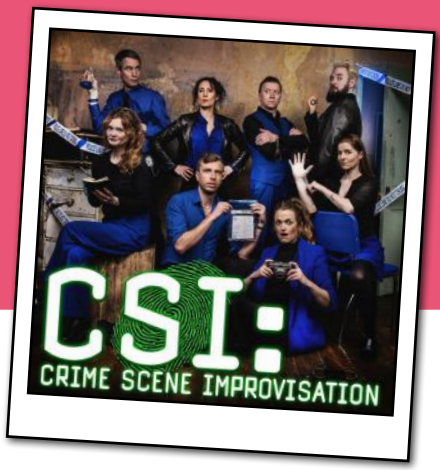
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CSI: Crime Scene Improvisation

No one knows who the killer is, not even the cast!

Following multiple five-star sell-out runs at the Edinburgh Fringe, "CSI: Crime Scene Improvisation" returns with another rip-roaring crime comedy made up entirely on the spot.

Who? What? How? The choice is yours in this fully-improvised, witty and absurd murder mystery where the audience creates the crime.

WINNER: Leicester Comedy Festival 2023: 'Best improv/musical' award and **Colchester Fringe 2024: 'The Comedy Award'**

"So funny it would be a crime to miss it!" ★★★★★
(Curtain Call Reviews)

"A truly fantastic show that you will talk about for years to come" ★★★★★ (Theatre & Tonic)

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Felicity Ward: I wish I could come out of my shell

Work In Progress

As seen on *DANCING WITH THE STARS, THE OFFICE* Australia, and *LIVE AT THE APOLLO* Felicity Ward is coming out of her shell, and she's been doing just fine. Divorce. Bisexuality. The Pasdoble. It's been QUITE the year. *I WISH I COULD COME OUT OF MY SHELL* is about how this bonafide showpony's greatest gift is that she simply cannot shut tf up.Saturday 11 July 2026

"... if you could find space between great big snorting exhortations of comic laughter, you would surely gasp." ★★★★★ The List (Edinburgh)

"The strongest single hour of solid jokes comes from Felicity Ward.... in a rolling, ballsy, crazy show that draws near-standing ovations." ★★★★★ The Times

Saturday 11 July 2026

Timings

Bar Open: 12.00pm
Entry: 4.30pm
Show Starts: 5.00pm

Tickets £12

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It's me, Ed Byrne

Work In Progress

Ed will be heading out on tour in 2027 with a new show provisionally titled "No Dramas" but first he need's to knock it into shape. That's where you come in.

If you're a comedy fan with an interest in how the sausage gets made then come and watch him perform a mixture of bits that can be described as "already funny", "nearly funny" and "definitely worth exploring" then by all means come along.

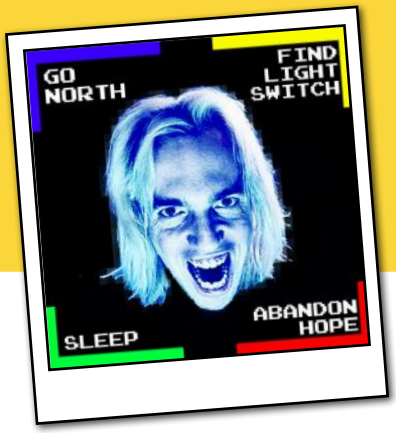
If you prefer the slick stuff, come see him next year

★★★★★ **ROLLING STONE UK**
★★★★★ **LONDON EVENING STANDARD**
★★★★★ **MAIL ON SUNDAY**
★★★★★ **CHORTLE**

Saturday 11 July 2026
Timings
Auditorium Entry: 12.15pm
Show Starts: 12.30pm
Tickets £15
Address
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900 Midsummer Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 3QA, UK
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Wheelchair accessible

MORE INFORMATION - BOOK TICKETS



John Robertson, The Dark Room

Welcome to THE DARK ROOM – the legendary interactive comedy show that fuses improv, crowd work and gaming to create an insane live-action videogame! Come watch, and if you want – play – the choose-your-own-adventure madness! The crowd is trapped inside an inescapable dungeon with a sadistic videogame boss!

Pick increasingly surreal options off the screen and try to escape!

If you win – you get money! / If you fail – YA DIE! YA DIE! YA DIE!

Now, will you: Find the Light Switch / Go North? / Abandon Hope?

Be sworn at by a man wearing spiked armour and a lot of leather? (This option is permanently set to "On")

Now its 13th year, this high-octane interactive show is the brainchild of comedian & cult leader John Robertson. Filled with stand-up, appalling prizes and more audience chanting than you'd get at a protest – The Dark Room is a gut-busting rock n' roll comedy experience for everyone who buys a ticket.

Permanently on tour The Dark Room has headlined stages at Glastonbury, PAX, Download Festival, MCM Comic Con, Utrecht International Comedy Festival 2000 Trees, UK Games Expo and Bluedot Festival, and sold out at Edinburgh Fringe, Soho Theatre and hundreds of theatres around the world.

Saturday 11 July 2026
Timings Foyer: 1pm
Auditorium Entry: 1.45pm
Show Starts: 2pm
Tickets £15
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Glenn Moore

Work In Progress

The best showcase of pure joke-writing skill on the Fringe" (Guardian). Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee Glenn Moore has written too many jokes again. As seen on Live At The Apollo, Have I Got News For You, Mock The Week, Cats Does Countdown. As heard on The Dave Berry Breakfast Show on Absolute Radio, The News Quiz, Just A Minute, and his own Radio 4 series Glenn Moore's Almanac.

★★★★★ **"An absolutely brilliantly-crafted joy from start to finish"** Mail on Sunday

★★★★★ **"This is classy, gag-driven comedy at its most intense and funniest"** Chortle

Saturday 11 July 2026
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Auditorium Entry: 3.15pm
Show Starts: 3.30pm
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Spencer Jones

Work In Progress

Spencer Jones is doing a work in progress show. Should be good. Fingers crossed. Why not come and have a look at it. There will be some stupid songs. There will be some characters. There will be some stories.

Saturday 11 July 2026
Timings
Foyer: 4pm
Auditorium Entry: 4.45pm
Show Starts: 5pm
Tickets £12
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Darren Harriott: Activated

Work in Progress

Darren Harriott is a stand-up comedian best known for his sharp energetic comedy, and wide-ranging TV work, from Live at the Apollo (BBC), Would I Lie To You (BBC), Dancing on Ice (ITV), Love Island: Aftersun (ITV2), Bake Off: Extra Slice (C4) as well BBC's Michael McIntyre's The Wheel, Richard Osman's House Of Games, and The Apprentice You're Fired. Twice nominated at the Edinburgh Fringe for Best Show, as well performing at the Melbourne Comedy Festival, in 2023 he was named "Pick of the Fringe". Darren presents his own BBC Radio show from his home city of Birmingham.

"This very funny stand-up makes joke telling look simple" The Times

Saturday 11 July 2026
Timings
Foyer: 1.30pm
Auditorium Entry: 1.45pm
Show Starts: 2pm
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Lost Voice Guy

Talk in Progress

Britain's Got Talent winner Lost Voice Guy is back with a brand new show in the making. As seen on Live At The Apollo (BBC Two) and The Royal Variety Performance (ITV), join him as he tries out fresh material, messes about with half-baked ideas, and probably says things his iPad will regret later.

Expect sharp observations, silly stories, and a healthy dose of mischief as he tests new jokes about life with a Geordie voice, technology that talks back, and the joy of being disabled in a world that still can't quite cope. It's a rare chance to see him building his next tour show from the ground up. If it goes wrong, he'll just blame autocorrect.

★★★★★ **"Finding humour in strange places is one of Lost Voice Guy's strengths."** The Guardian

★★★★★ **"Sharply deals with misconceptions about his disability…that's stimulating, moving and amusing."** The Times

Saturday 11 July 2026

Timings

Foyer: 3pm

Auditorium Entry: 3.15pm

Show Starts: 3.30pm

Tickets £12

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Mark Row

Work in Progress

Teacher turned comedian Mark Row has had enough of the endless carousel of uninspiring lessons, inane questions and kids with attitudes that stink worse than their PE kits. But will a new life in the limelight prove to be any better? Bringing together the best bits from his two previous shows 'A* in the Making' and 'Don't You Know Who I Am?' this show demonstrates why Mark Row doesn't need to stay in the classroom to prove that he's a class act!

You really need to give up teaching and focus on the comedy Joe Pasquale

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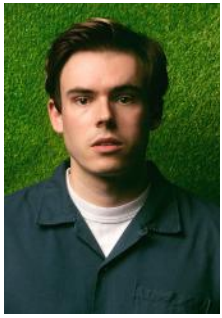
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Timings
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Auditorium Entry: 4.45pm
Show Starts: 5pm
Tickets £7
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Saturday Night Best Of The Fest

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Saturday 11 July 2026

Timings

Foyer Bar Open: **All Day**

Auditorium Entry: **6.30pm**

Show Starts: **7pm**

Tickets **£25**

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Line Up

Rhys James

Ninia Benjamin

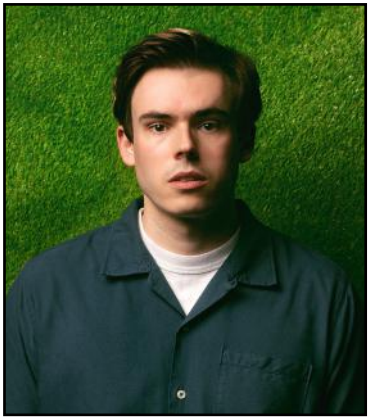
Paul Tonkinson

Olivia Lee

Age Restrictions:

Strictly 18+

Wheelchair accessible



Rhys James

Described as a 'master of the lightning-paced, gag-dense, precision-delivered set' (The Guardian), Rhys James is best known as one of the final regulars on BBC's Mock the Week, as well as appearing on Live at the Apollo, QI, A League of Their Own and, in the US, The Great American Joke Off.

In 2025, he released his debut memoir **You'll Like It When You Get There: A Life Lived Reluctantly**, of which the Radio Times said 'there are laughs pretty much every sentence'. The book's release also led to Richard Osman calling Rhys 'one of the funniest men in the world' on **The Rest Is Entertainment** podcast.

Rhys' sharp writing and playful style have established him as a firm favourite on the British comedy scene, selling out two national tours and six critically acclaimed Edinburgh Fringe runs, along with creating and starring in three shows for BBC Radio 4, including the ARIA nominated **Rhysearch**. His U&Dave lecture **I Stalk Strangers** Online became a viral hit, amassing over 15 million views, and his debut DVD **Spilt Milk** sold out completely in just 90 minutes (there was only one copy) – fortunately you can now watch that online.



Ninia Benjamin

Star of BBC2's **"Three Non-Blondes"** Described by the Voice Newspaper as the Comedy Assassin, Ninia Benjamin is certainly not shy in her approach to comedy. Although she doesn't carry a gun, Ninia's wit and cheeky persona is sure to kill any daring heckler's attempts stone dead. Armed with a big smile, Ninia's warmth on stage, and off, lets her get away with murder. Ninia's recent start in the world of solo stand-up is off to a good start. She's a performer who has natural confidence and bonhomie on stage and it will not be long before she establishes herself as a future star. Ninia's experience so far ranges from warm-up act for BBC2's **Blouse & Skirt** to performances in the Hackney Empire both as a celebrity guest for **"Battle of the Sexes"** and in the well-known **New Act of the Year competition**. Although new to today's stand-up scene, Ninia enjoyed success in the early 90's as part of the female comedy duo, **M&N Society**. The two women toured across the UK and over to their homeland islands of Jamaica and Dominica. The duo also did the warm-up for the critically acclaimed BBC2 show **The Real McKoy**. Ninia's talents don't stop at stand-up. She has significant experience as an actress and has starred in a wide variety of plays such as a stage production of **"Malcolm X"** and **"A Yorkshire Tragedy"** (The Royal Court Theatre). Ninia has played the lead role in the record-breaking run of **"Waiting to Inhale**" at the Theatre Royal and, more recently, **"Woman on Top"** at the Hackney Empire. Ninia's TV appearances include Michael Barrymore's **" My Kind of People"** and BBC2's **"Black Briton"** and **"The Day The Changed My Life"**.



Paul Tonkinson

A sensational live performer, Yorkshire man, marathon runner and former (double award-winning) Time Out Comedian of the Year, Paul Tonkinson has long upheld his esteemed reputation as one of the finest stand-ups the UK has to offer. With a unique and distinctive style, Tonkinson is noted for his effervescent physicality and skillful impressions, which bring alive exuberant, tender comic reflections on love, family and the day-to-day idiosyncrasies of 21st century living. A plethora of first class material, combined with tremendous charm and irrepressible, infectious energy make for quite a formidable talent.

On TV, he's most recently performed on BBC One's **Michael Mcintyre's Comedy Roadshow** and Comedy Central's **The Comedy Store** and **The World Stands-up**. He was recently a contestant on Ch. 4`s hit show **Celebrity Come Dine With Me**, proving he's not just a dazzling stand-up talent, but a whizz in the kitchen, scooping first place to win the cash prize for charity. Back in the day, when he was a mere whippersnapper he had a stint presenting Ch. 4's **The Big Breakfast** and he has also presented radio shows on **XFM** in London and Manchester. He has just completed a stint as a Programme Associate on BBC One's **Michael McIntyre Chat Show**.



Olivia Lee

Olivia Lee is a multi award winning writer, stand up comedian and actress, with a long track record of creating, writing and starring in her own TV shows. She has many scripted projects in development with UK & US production companies and broadcasters.

A well known face of TV comedy, Olivia started her career on Channel 4's hit comedy show **'Balls of Steel'** with her own slot called **'Prank TV with Miss Lee'**. She created her own vehicle for Channel 4, **'Olivia Lee's Naughty Bits'**. This led to her own series on Comedy Central; **'Olivia Lee: Dirty, Sexy, Funny'**. The USA came calling and Olivia was invited to regularly appear on NBC's **'The Tonight Show With Jay Leno'** where she wrote and starred in her own regular comedy slot. That led to truTV giving Olivia her own comedy pilot **'The Olivia Lee Show'** – which Ben Stiller produced with his company Red Hour. As an actress she has starred in many BAFTA nominated shows.

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Bottomless Brunch with Aurie Styla

Aurie Styla is an award-winning comedian, actor and writer from London, known as "a powerhouse of presence & humor" and one of the UK's most charismatic performers. His acclaimed special GREEN won the 2022 Spirit of the Edinburgh Fringe Award and is available on YouTube. Aurie has appeared on Deep Fake Neighbour Wars (ITVX), Comedy Central Live, Jonathan Ross' Comedy Club (ITV), Don't Hate The Playaz (ITV), and Mo Gilligan's Black British & Funny (C4), and he was a writer on the BAFTA-winning The Lateish Show with Mo Gilligan.

As a voice actor, he is the **worldwide voice of Pinterest** and has worked with **eBay**, **Wagamama**, **FIFA**, **Audible**, **BBC**, and more. A former **BBC Radio London** host, he also features on **The Now Show**, **Newsjack**, **BBC 1Xtra**, and his own **Respectfully...** Podcast. Aurie performs globally and has independently sold out four comedy specials and eight UK tours through ComedyMania Productions, totaling over 18,000 tickets. On-screen, he stars in **On The Other Foot** (2022) and co-leads **The Living Dead** (2019) on Amazon Prime. In his spare time, he's a gamer, movie buff, retro collector, and fitness enthusiast, serving as an ambassador at Flippers Roller Boogie Palace in London.



Hosted by

Jon Pearson

Jon began standup comedy in 2011, with his first performance at Birmingham's Highlight Comedy Club. Two successful Edinburgh shows later, and 5 years working the UK comedy circuit, Jon is now regularly found at the biggest and best comedy clubs across the UK including The Glee Club, The Comedy Store and Jongleurs, both as an act and a compere. His 2015 Daves Leicester Comedy Festival show, Jon Pearson: Tall Order, sold out at Melton Theatre within 2 weeks of the tickets going on sale. Jon's laid back storytelling has audiences hanging on his every word. With tales based around his own life experiences, his anecdotes are relatable and certain to have people in hysterics.

Based in the Midlands, Jon is the resident MC at his own comedy night Wax Comical at The Noels Arms in Melton Mowbray.

Sunday 12 July 2026
Timings **Arrival:** 1pm **Finish:** 3pm
Tickets **£45**
Address **Blossom Room**,
4 Mortimer Square, Milton Keynes, UK
Age Restrictions: **Strictly 18+**

Wheelchair accessible

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Revolución de Cuba Milton Keynes | Sunday 12 July 2026



Tez Ilyas

Work in Progress

One of the most celebrated stars in British comedy is back with his brand new work in progress hour.

As seen on: **Live at The Apollo** (BBC Two), **The Last Leg** (C4), **Mock the Week** (BBC Two), **Comedians Giving Lectures** (Dave), **Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled** (Dave), **Comic Relief's Big Night In** (BBC One), **Live from the BBC** (BBC Two), **The Chris Ramsey Show** (Comedy Central), **Live from the Comedy Store** (Comedy Central)

'Radiantly entertaining' The Times

★★★★ The Guardian ★★★★ The Times ★★★★ The Telegraph

Sunday 12 July 2026
Timings
Bar Open: 1pm
Entry: 1pm
Show Starts: 1.30pm
Tickets £10
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Brennan Reece: Live

Brennan Reece is back with an hour of brand new jokes. As seen on Live At The Apollo, Roast Battle and Celeb Coach Trip. Tour Support for Joe Lycett, Micky Flanagan and Russell Kane. With over 100 million views online...Recently nominated for Best Show at Leicester Comedy Festival, this show is full of joy and cheek and everything in between, your Mum is going to love him. Not like that you perv.

Sunday 12 July 2026
Timings
Bar Open: 1pm
Entry: 2.30pm
Show Starts: 3pm
Tickets £8
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Jo Caulfield

Work in Progress

Whether you've seen her on "Have I Got News For You". "The John Bishop Show' or "Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow", heard her on "Just a Minute" or "Breaking The News", or caught one of her award-winning Edinburgh Festival shows, the chances are you're already familiar with Jo's work.

Described by The Observer as **"one of the finest female comedians at work"** and by The Scotsman as **"quite simply, a damn funny woman"** Jo can regularly be seen headlining the UK's biggest and best comedy clubs. She is also in high demand on the corporate circuit, speaking at and hosting dinners and award ceremonies for many leading companies across the UK and beyond.

Jo will be bring us an hour of fun, with some of her best old and new material

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Fiona Allen

Work in Progress

Fiona Allen comes with quite some comedy pedigree. Fiona's sassy anecdotal style walks her audience through frustrations with her husband & three kids and her need to get out of the house and away from them. A natural comedian, she is warm but fearless, A great addition to any line-up.

Best known for starring and writing in the iconic Emmy award winning and BAFTA nominated TV Comedy series **Smack The Pony**, her other screen credits are extensive and include **Mock The Week**, **8 Out Of 10 Cats**, **Coronation Street**, **EastEnders**, **Shameless**, **Skins**, **Dalziel and Pascoe**, **Waterloo Road**, **Alan Partidge's Scissored Isle and Death In Paradise**. On film she has starred in **Fat Slags** and **Gladiatress**, as well as **24 Hour Party People**.

Chortle recently reviewed Fiona Allen's debit Edinburgh show (OTR) and championed Fiona Allen on successfully making the jump between acting and stand up, **"At ease and natural."**

Regularly Seen At: Headliners, The Comedy Cellar, Bearcat, Off The Kerb, Avalon, Just The Tonic, Outside The Box Comedy Club, Backyard Comedy Club, Fuzzy Bear, Banana Cabaret, Alexanders Live, Last Laugh Comedy Club, Chuckl, The Comedy Club, Epic Comedy Clubs, Howlin' Entertainment Comedy Clubs, Leeds Comedy Cabaret, Mock Tudor Comedy, Coastal Comedy Club and many more UK Weekly Comedy Clubs.

Sunday 12 July 2026
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Sophie Duker: Hot Beef Injection

Work in Progress

A groundbreaking comedy hour that bravely centres dudes. 2026 work in progress from the recovering heterosexual and Taskmaster star.

'An obscenely good raconteur with charisma to burn'
Rolling Stone

'Highly intelligent, highly gifted'
The Times

'Laugh-out loud funny'
Telegraph

Sunday 12 July 2026
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Milton Keynes Theatre of Comedy

Puddleford Podcast

Improvised comedy plays from the English town of Puddleford.
A town with a tale: improvised stories from Puddleford. For hundreds of years, Puddleford and its unusual inhabitants have been a central part of the area's life and culture. Listen to some of their escapades through history in this new entirely improvised episodic audio drama.

Sunday 12 July 2026 Timings **Doors Open:** 1pm **Show Starts:** 1.30pm
Tickets **£8**
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Pitch Slapped

MKTOC present a selection of hilarious comedy songs in an energetic and entertaining musical showcase. Featuring a mix of witty lyrics, playful performances, and a variety of musical styles, this show brings together some of the funniest songs guaranteed to get you laughing. From clever parodies to downright silly numbers, Pitch Slappped is a celebration of comedy through music—perfect for anyone who enjoys a good tune with a humorous twist.

Sunday 12 July 2026
Timings **Doors Open:** 4pm **Show Starts:** 4.30pm
Tickets **£8**
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Milton Keynes Theatre of Comedy

Whose Turn?

Inspired by performances on such classic TV shows as 'Whose Line is it Anyway?' and 'Fast and loose' and with the added bonus that no-one has to spend time learning lines, we've been putting on regular Comedy Improvisation shows for nearly 2 decades!

One team of comic performers, one compere and musical accompaniment from a live pianist (more effective than a stuffed one) in an evening of improvised comedy where the only rule is that there are no rules! Except for some rules. The audience give suggestions (or sit quietly – there's no pressure!) and our comics use their lightening wits (and more often than not filthy minds and language) to provide the comedy!

Sunday 12 July 2026
Timings
Doors Open: 7pm
Show Starts: 7.30pm
Tickets £8
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Sunday 12 July 2026
Lunch Timings: Arrival from: 1pm **Show Starts:** 1.30pm
Dinner Timings: Arrival from: 6pm **Show Starts:** 6.30pm
Tickets £69.95 All tickets include
a 3-course meal and 2-hour interactive show.
Address MK Gallery,
900 Midsummer Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 3QA
Age Restrictions: All ages welcome

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Frequently Asked Questions

Do ticket prices include booking fees?
No – booking fees are applied on top of the listed ticket price at checkout.

Can I buy tickets on the door?
All events should be booked in advance as we cannot guarantee tickets will be available to book on the door.

What is your refund policy?
Acts are subject to change and refunds will not be issued if the line-up changes or if you are unable to attend. If an event is cancelled entirely, refunds will be issued via our ticketing partner, JokePit.

What time should I arrive?
We recommend arriving at least 15–30 minutes before the start time to allow for entry and seating. Please check the individual event for door opening times.

I am a disabled attendee. Can my carer come for free?
We're committed to making our comedy festival accessible and welcoming to everyone. To keep things inclusive, we've set our ticket prices as low as possible for all attendees, so we don't offer separate free carer tickets. However, if you have specific accessibility needs or require support to attend, we're here to help. Please get in touch with us at info@mymiltonkeynes.co.uk and we'll work with you to make your visit as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

Are the shows age restricted?
Many shows may contain adult content and are recommended for ages 16+ or 18+. Please check individual event listings for specific guidance. It is venue policy for MERKUR casino (Friday night showcase) that all attendees must be 18 and over, and bring a valid form of photo ID.

Will food and drinks be available?
Most venues will have bars or refreshments available. Availability may vary depending on the location. Outside food and drink is generally not permitted. Please check with the specific venue if unsure.

Can I choose my seats?
Each venue is operating differently depending on their own set up so please check each event listing for further details. For unreserved seating, arrive early for the best choice of seats.

What happens if I'm late?
Late entry may not be permitted until a suitable break in the performance, or at the discretion of venue staff.

Can I take photos or record the show?
Photography, video, or audio recording is not permitted during performances unless explicitly stated.

Who do I contact if I have a question?
For any general enquiries, please email **info@mymiltonkeynes.co.uk**.

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