

DERBY COMEDY FESTIVAL

Produced by
Derby LIVE

**Fri 13 - Sun 22
Jun 2014**



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Hello

The positive effects of laughter and comedy are well known, so whatever tickles your fancy, join us for some of life's best medicine!

We're delighted to bring you Derby's first Comedy Festival, with some fantastic events at venues around the city. Whether you love stand-up comedy from the nation's favourite acts such as **Jimmy Carr**, the intimate club experience of **Funhouse Comedy**, comedic films like Eddie Murphy's **Raw**, plays or puppetry (and more!) we know you'll find something to smile about. We all know how infectious laughter can be when you're little, so as well as grown-up comedy, we've got some great shows for younger audiences – theatre shows full of clever clowning, a comedy club (4 kids!) and hilarious sock puppets!

Produced by Derby LIVE, the comedy festival brings together, and features events from partners around the city to create a week filled with funny! Déda, Derby LIVE, Derby Theatre, Funhouse Comedy Club, Furthest From The Sea, Sinfonia Viva and QUAD have comedy bursting out all week - we'd love to see your support, and hear your laughter.

Bob Rushton, *Programme Manager*, **Derby LIVE**

déda



QUAD

sinfonia
VIVA

Key to Icons

- Concessions are usually available to under 16s, over 60s, disabled people, full time students and registered unemployed
- Schools rate available, usually with every 11th ticket free to teachers/supervisors
- Age guidance
- British Sign Language interpreted performance

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Dawn French

30 Million Minutes

The Queen of British comedy embarks on her first ever solo tour.

Dawn's extraordinary lack of willpower, combined with an enviable knack for nosey parking and showing off, has driven her to grapple with the big stuff of life in public. 30 million minutes of life in fact. That's how long she's been alive.

Dawn will take you through the various lessons life has taught her, and the things she knows for sure, with the odd irksome tribulation thrown in, sharing how she has misguidedly spent her whole life vigorously attempting to be a fully functioning female human.



Fri 13 Jun, 7:30pm **STAND UP**

Assembly Rooms – Great Hall

£36.50 - £41.50



Ben Norris

Mr Ambiguousness

After supporting Ed Byrne, Ben Norris is hitting the road on his own. His TV credits include *Mock The Week*, *They Think It's All Over*, and *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*.

"A master of the craft, this will be an hour of the most polished stand-up you are likely to see" *GQ Magazine*

Fri 13 Jun, 8pm **STAND UP**

Assembly Rooms – Darwin

£10



Comedian

Comedian (2002) starring **Jerry Seinfeld** is a candidly revealing, intimately observed, and often very funny look at what it takes to be a comedian.

Part of a season exploring the world of stand-up comedy

Fri 13 & Sat 14 Jun **FILM**

QUAD

£7.80



Cracking entertainment for everyone over six years old and under 400 years old (no vampires or Highlanders). The best comedians from the circuit doing what they do best... without the rude bits!

"A highlight for children... giving them a taste of some of the biggest names in comedy with the fun, rowdy feel of a real comedy club." *The Guardian*

Sat 14 Jun, 2pm **FAMILY**

Assembly Rooms – Darwin

£7.50



Funhouse Comedy brings comedy stars **Joe Lycett**, **David Trent** and **Sully O'Sullivan** to the Assembly Rooms in a Derby Comedy Festival special, compered by **Spiky Mike**.

Sat 14 Jun, 8^{pm} **STAND UP**

Assembly Rooms – Darwin

£12 14+



Norman Lovett

Old and New

The *Red Dwarf* star returns to continue The Sugababes debate amongst many more subjects.

Featuring his iPad attached to a microphone stand from which he will depict images onto a screen to delight and astound you.

Sun 15 Jun, 8^{pm} **STAND UP**

Assembly Rooms – Darwin

£12



Mon 16

Lyngo Theatre

The Fish's Wishes

A little vegetarian fish who lives in a glass escapes into our airy world to eat bubbles, collect tears and drink stars from a bowl. He's got lots of questions like 'why is the sky blue?' and 'where is the sea?' and just like many small creatures we know and love he needs answers and he needs them now.

From the company that brought *Snow Play* to the Guildhall Theatre, this is highly-interactive philosophical cabaret for a younger audience. **Patrick Lynch** floats through a show full of laughs and surprises where you finally get some answers!

Mon 16 – Tue 17 Jun **FAMILY**

Guildhall Theatre

£7.50 9 5 3+





Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Comedy's answer to *The X-Factor* and *Britain's Got Talent*. 15 comedians battle it out. Audience judges vote on who to keep on and who to send off!

Lots of fun and laughs, compered by **Spiky Mike**.

Mon 16 Jun, 8:30pm STAND UP

Bar One

£4 in advance, more on the door



Funhouse
Comedy Club
and Derby LIVE

Comedy Moves

The evening *kicks off* in the '45 Suite where you'll see the fabulous **Steve Day** – warm, witty and engaging, whilst dealing with the dilemmas of being a deaf man in a hearing world. Once you've grabbed a *half-time* drink, we'll then change sides and move over to the council chamber for the headline act - Derby-born **Jonny Awsum**. With his likeable style and trusty guitar, Jonny's musings include everything from the white lies he tells his girlfriend to the memory of his first love at eight years old. Refereed (OK, compered) by **Spiky Mike**.

Tue 17 Jun, 7:30pm STAND UP

Assembly Rooms - '45 Suite

and then Council House – Council Chamber

£13.25 14+

Tue 17



The man what brought us sunshine MORECAMBE

This brand new production of the Olivier Award-winning play, starring Bob Golding as comedy icon Eric Morecambe. A heart-warming, tear-jerking, laughter-inducing story of the man what brought us the sunshine. What do you think of it so far? Brilliant!

"Wonderful. Exceptional. Incredibly emotional. Hilarious."

★★★★★ *The Times*

Wed 18 Jun, 7:30pm THEATRE

Assembly Rooms – Great Hall

£19.50 6 9



Wed 18

Furthest From the Sea & MissImp Interrobang

An improvised comedy jam in which everyone can take part followed by a showcase of the best improv in the region.

MissImp will guide you through games and scenes to create spontaneous comedy theatre. And, if you don't want to perform, just sit back and enjoy the show - you're still guaranteed a unique experience.

Wed 18 Jun, 7:30pm STAND UP

Assembly Rooms – '45 Suite

£5



Heffernan and Fletcher

Roll It In Sequins

Thu 19

It's Monday morning. Driven by boredom and the desire for something different two office girls channel their inner showgirls...

The award-winning comedy duo create a gaggle of office misfits in a quirky sketch show-come-cabaret night, taking you on an epic journey through airports, across deserts and open seas, before heading back to the canteen for lunch.

"Sequinsplaining!" ★★★★★ *Broadway Baby*

Thu 19 Jun, 8pm THEATRE

Derby Theatre - Studio

£10



Scottish Falsetto

Sock Puppet Theatre

Fri 20

The Socks are back - in outer space. Earth's funniest footwear bring their 5 star sci-fi themed show to town. From *The Avengers* to *Star Wars*, *Alien* to *Doctor Who*, all alien life is here.

In space no-one can hear you laugh, but they won't mind if you do.

Fri 20 Jun, 6:30pm VARIETY

Assembly Rooms – Darwin

£12, includes a light meal served between 5:30pm and 6:15pm 12+

And another performance suitable for all the family.

Sun 22 Jun, 1pm FAMILY

Assembly Rooms – Darwin

£7.50 3+



SOLD OUT

Jimmy Carr

Funny Business

Come to Jimmy's brand new show for the witty and incisive musings on the human condition; stay for the knob gags.

Fri 20 Jun, 8pm STAND UP

Assembly Rooms - Great Hall

£26.25



Alfie Moore

Former Humberside Police Sergeant turned stand-up comedian Alfie Moore is tasing his way through the comedy world, arresting audiences with stories of life on the beat that are institutionally funny. You have the right to remain silent but you won't help but laugh.

Fri 20 Jun, 8pm STAND UP

Guildhall Theatre

£13.25 16+



Déda and Scarlett Daggers present La De Da Burlesque Cabaret Show - Preview

Hosted by flirtatious lyrical lothario Stage Door Johnny with performances from red-hot red-head Scarlett Daggers and pint-sized comedy powerhouse Abigail Collins, see an exclusive preview of Derby's cheekiest night out.

Fri 20 Jun, 8pm **Variety**

Déda

£10



Part of a
season exploring
the world of
stand-up
comedy



Eddie Murphy Raw

A screening of Eddie Murphy's Raw. Uncensored. Uncut. Irresistible. Raw, the record-setting No. 1 concert film of all time, is Eddie Murphy doing what he does best: making people laugh.

Fri 20 Jun **FILM**

QUAD

£7.80 **C 15+**

Furthest from the Sea Festival

The region's finest creative talent will come together to celebrate all things Derbyshire in this day long festival featuring free live music, comedy, crafts, literature, art and theatre.

If you'd like to get involved, or have a creative idea in need of a platform, then contact info@furthestfromthesea.co.uk

Sat 21 Jun, 11am onwards **EVENT**

Market Place and throughout Cathedral Quarter

FREE entry

Sat
21



Knightmare Live!



Welcome watchers of illusion to the castle of confusion. The immortal words of Treguard the Dungeon Master ring out for the first time in 20 years as he opens the doors to the world of adventure, but do you dare enter?

Guided by two top comedians, an audience member will attempt to defeat Lord Fear's mighty dungeon in the greater game of chance. Riddles, magical characters and hideous monsters...

"A nostalgic dream come true" Time Out

Sat 21 Jun, 7:30pm **Variety**

Assembly Rooms – Great Hall

£16.25 **12+**

Furthest from the Sea Derby Pomp and Stomp

A culmination of all things Furthest From the Sea, Pomp & Stomp is a celebration of the Derby based collective's creative output in 2014.

Featuring the region's finest musicians, poets, comedians and performers, this slap-dash big-bash is one night you can't afford to miss. Support local artists, bring your Mum.

Sat 21 Jun, 7:30pm **Variety**

Assembly Rooms - Darwin

£6.25 **16+**



Sinfonia Viva Sounds Like Fun with Alasdair Malloy

Sinfonia Viva with Alasdair Malloy presents chuckling classics and merry melodies for 6-11yr olds to enjoy. Comedic capers include Mozart's *A Musical Joke* (yes, parents and carers... where have you heard that tune before?), Grey's infectious *Laughing Policeman*, Anderson's *Waltzing Cat* (with audience-supplied sound effects!) and Johann Strauss II's *Cuckoo Polka* where Alasdair may need help from young ornithologists...

A fun concert to put a smile on your – and your youngster's – face!

Sat 21 Jun **Music**

Guildhall Theatre

£7.50

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Funhouse Comedy Club Edinburgh Festival Preview All-day

2pm Ivo Graham "One of the best young comedians around..." *Time Out*

3:25pm Paul McCaffrey "Likeable, animated and fluid with a first rate sense of timing" *Chortle*

4:50pm John Robins "....everything about Robins is funny." *Chortle*

6:15pm Eddy Brimson "works the crowd like a charm" *Chortle*

7:40pm Martin Mor "Unconventional and underrated, spare this man your time: he will make it worthwhile." *Three Weeks*

9:05pm Rob Rouse "Brilliant, uplifting fun" *Chortle*

Sun 22 Jun, 1:30pm **STAND UP**

Bar One

£7, watch as many shows as you like

Sun
22



Steve Hewlett and friends Thinking Inside the Box

TV's top comedy ventriloquist won the hearts of the nation on *Britain's Got Talent* with talking hands and bottles of water, Arthur Lager and Little 'Simon Cowell'.

Now Steve and his cast of zany characters bring you a spectacular show to delight and amaze the whole family.

Sun 22 Jun, 7:30pm **Variety**

Assembly Rooms – Darwin

£19



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How to book

Check where the event you want to book for is taking place and then book direct with the venue via their website or through their Box Office.



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Guildhall Theatre
and Council House**

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Déda

deda.uk.com

01332 370911

Derby Theatre

derbytheatre.co.uk

01332 593939

QUAD

derbyquad.co.uk

01332 290606

Bar One
(covered Outdoor Beer Garden)

funhousecomedy.co.uk

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Access

Theatre-going should be accessible to all and all venues throughout the Derby Comedy Festival have a strong commitment to making this happen. All venues have wheelchair spaces and welcome assistance dogs. Most venues have digital, infra-red or a loop system. For full details of the provision made by each of the venues please visit the venue websites or check with the venue Box Office.

Access Performances

Comedy Moves

BSL Signed Interpreted performance *Tue 17 Jun, 7:30pm*

How to find us



The Small Print

Visit derbycomedyfestival.co.uk for full terms and conditions. Please note that tickets for Derby LIVE events that are bought over the counter or the telephone are inclusive of a booking fee, which goes towards covering administration costs. Prices listed here include these fees. The majority of tickets bought online for Derby LIVE events are cheaper as they do not include fees.

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	Edinburgh Festival Preview All-dayer	Bar One	STAND UP
	Steve Hewlett & Friends	Assembly Rooms - Darwin	VARIETY

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