

## GIANT, PURPLE, UPSIDE-DOWN COW LANDS ON SOUTHBANK CENTRE'S RIVERSIDE SITE.

### UNDERBELLY AND SOUTHBANK CENTRE ANNOUNCE A SPECIAL LONDON SEASON OF COMEDY, MUSIC, CABARET AND THEATRE IN UNIQUE COW-SHAPED VENUE.



*"The Udderbelly is surely a portal through which an entire generation can gain access to the arts – on its own terms."* Sunday Herald

In its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, **Underbelly** joins forces with **Southbank Centre** to bring its iconic Edinburgh Festival venue, **E4 Udderbelly**, to London's famous riverside arts centre.

Arguably the most identifiable venue at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Udderbelly is a **406-capacity** touring performance venue in the shape of a 20 metre high x 27 metre long, upside-down purple cow. From **27 May to 19 July**, this wonderful bovine structure will graze on the banks of the Thames as part of Southbank Centre's summer season of events. Lying down in its own Pasture – in between the Royal Festival Hall and the London Eye – with hooves and udders pointing skywards, E4 Udderbelly will be the most distinctive new addition to the riverside skyline.

Highlights of E4 Udderbelly's wildly diverse programme, which has been developed to appeal to audiences of all ages, include **Joan Rivers, Tom Tom Crew, David O'Doherty, Rhod Gilbert, Camille, Jason Byrne, Clive James, Gina Yashere, Reg D Hunter, Jimeoin, Katy Brand, The Terrible Infants, PoeJazzi** and **Beardyman**. Ticket prices range from £10 (with £7 concessions) to £30.

#### **Ed Bartlam and Charlie Wood, Directors of Underbelly, said:**

"We are delighted to be working in partnership with Southbank Centre to bring our wonderful cow to the centre of London. Our Udderbelly venue was designed to be an accessible space for all audiences. It's extraordinary to look at and a fantastic venue in which to watch a show. We hope that our affordable season of live entertainment, in conjunction with Southbank Centre, will excite and entertain people of all ages and interests. And, we hope that the unique atmosphere of Udderbelly and its surrounding Pasture will add to an already thriving Southbank Centre site this summer."

Ed Bartlam and Charlie Wood will serve as producers in residence for the duration of the season.

#### **Jane Beese, Senior Music Programmer (Contemporary) at Southbank Centre, said:**

"Having seen Underbelly's excellent and innovative programming at the Edinburgh Fringe, it's a real pleasure to be able to bring the unique Udderbelly venue and its bespoke Southbank Centre programme to our site. We are especially proud that the temporary addition of another venue to the site gives us the opportunity to create, in conjunction with Underbelly, a training programme for young people in all aspects of venue management. We are looking forward to the arrival of the famed cow and its herd of followers."

**Summer at Southbank Centre:**

E4 Udderbelly's seven-week programme of over 40 events, launches an extensive season of major summer events at Southbank Centre, that ranges from Meltdown festival and The Hayward's new exhibition *Walking in My Mind* in June, to the London Literature Festival in July and a special series of summer concerts in July and August. **Southbank Centre's full summer programme will be announced shortly.**

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Tickets on sale to Southbank Centre Members on Wednesday 11 March

On sale to all Tuesday 12 March

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Notes to Editors:

**Southbank Centre** is the UK's largest arts centre, occupying a 21-acre site that sits in the midst of London's most vibrant cultural quarter on the South Bank of the Thames. The site has an extraordinary creative and architectural history stretching back to the 1951 Festival of Britain. Southbank Centre is home to the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and The Hayward as well as The Saison Poetry Library and the Arts Council Collection. The Royal Festival Hall reopened in June 2007 following the major refurbishment of the Hall and redevelopment of the surrounding area and facilities.

**Underbelly** has emerged as one of the leading, largest and most important venues/producers at the biggest arts festival in the world, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. From humble beginnings in 2000, with 1 venue in the centre of Edinburgh, Underbelly now operates 14 performances spaces, presents 130 shows a day and sells 175,000 tickets at the Edinburgh Fringe. In 2006, Underbelly launched its promotions and management division, focusing on artist representation for comedians and UK touring. In the same year, the touring theatre space Udderbelly was born. It has since completed three seasons in Edinburgh and two seasons at the Brighton Fringe Festival. This will be Udderbelly's first visit to London.

**E4** is a digital entertainment channel from Channel 4 devoted to young audiences. It has also been dedicated to unearthing new comic talent since its arrival in 2001.

The channel has been a supporter of Udderbelly in Edinburgh for over 3 years and will now be joining the purple cow for its new outing at Southbank Centre in 2009.



# E4 UDDERBELLY'S TOP AND TAILS

## THE OPENING ACT

### Joan Rivers – Unplugged and Uncensored

Joan Rivers is a force of nature and a true international icon. She launches E4 Underbelly's season at Southbank Centre with five nights of stand-up shows. Expect razor sharp wit, cutting observations and honest opinions from the queen of the red carpet. Not suitable for under 18s.

Dates and Timings: May 27<sup>t</sup> (21.00hrs), May 28-29 (19.00hrs & 21.00hrs). 1 hour show

Tickets: £30

## THE FINALE

### Tom Tom Crew

Following sell-out seasons at the Sydney Opera House and Edinburgh Festival, and direct from a run on Broadway, the Tom Tom Crew arrives in London with its super charged collision of circus, heart pumping music and 21st Century spectacle. Combining Australia's freshest acrobats, champion beat-boxer Tom Thum, drumming sensation Ben Walsh and master record scratcher DJ Dizz1, Tom Tom Crew is an extraordinary mix of Asian inspired drumming, extreme circus acrobatics and raw, contemporary music **for all ages**. Tom Tom Crew will be at the E4 Udderbelly for a four week run and will be the final show to perform in the Cow before it's herded off to Edinburgh. Presented by Underbelly and Strut & Fret Production House

Dates and Timings: Previews June 19 -21 (19.00hrs). Evening shows: June 22-28, July 1-5, July 7-11, July 15-19 (19.00hrs). Matinee shows: July 4-5, July 11-12, July 18-19. 1 hour show

Tickets: Previews £14/£10 / weekdays £17.50/£15.00 / weekend matinees £14.00/£10.00 / weekend evenings £22.00/£19.50.

*'The Tom Tom Crew combines feats of rhythmical creativity and acrobatic daring... there can't be many more exciting spectacles than this'* Glasgow Herald

## THEATRE

**'The color, the grace and levitation, ... the quick interplay of live beings, suspended like fitful lightning in a cloud, these things are the play'**

Tennessee Williams

### The Terrible Infants

#### Les Enfants Terribles

Les Enfants Terribles present their award winning, biggest and boldest show to date. Based upon a series of twisted tales by Oliver Lansley and Sam Wyer, *The Terrible Infants* blends puppetry, live

music, performance, story telling and physicality into a highly sensory theatrical feast suitable for big kids and small grown-ups. Featuring narration recorded by Dame Judi Dench. **Suitable for ages 6+.**  
Dates and Timings: Previews June 8 -9 (19.00hrs). Evening shows: June 10-14. Matinee shows: June 10, June 13. 80 min show  
Tickets: Previews £10 / Evenings £14.50/£12 / Matinees £12.50/£10.00

*'..Deliciously dark and very twisted... would have Tim Burton writhing with glee, it's like giving your inner child an enormous sack of sweets!' Metro \*\*\*\*\**

## **Lemn Sissay – Why I Don't Hate White People**

The child of an unlikely liaison between Ethiopia, Eritrea and Wigan Social Services, Lemn Sissay didn't know another black person until he was eighteen. Playwright, performer and broadcaster Lemn Sissay has spent most of his adult life searching for his family who are black like him. Now he presents the most serious of subjects through a journey of laughter and mental gymnastics to discover why he doesn't hate white people.

Southbank Centre's artist in residence, his work includes publications *Tender Fingers in a Clenched Fist*, *Rebel Without Applause* and *Listener* and his plays *Chaos By Design*, *Storm*, and *Something Dark*.

Dates and Timings: July 13 (19.00hrs). 45 minute show  
Tickets: £12/£10

*"A clever, compassionate meditation on belonging. Theatre plus stand-up equalling thoughtful fun."*  
Evening Standard

## **Private Peaceful**

*Private Peaceful* is based on the award-winning children's book by Michael Morpurgo, telling the story of the life of Private Tommo Peaceful, a World War I soldier awaiting his execution by firing squad at dawn. Peaceful remembers his rural childhood in Devon, adventures with the love of his life, Molly, and the battles and injustices of war that brought him to the front line. Adapted and directed by Simon Reade. **Suitable for ages 8+.** Presented by Scamp Theatre and Poonamallee  
Dates and Timings: July 10 (15.00hrs), July 11-12 (17.00hrs). 80 minute show.

Tickets: £14/£10

*'The horrors of war and the joyfulness of life are bound up together in this magnificent show' The Scotsman \*\*\*\*\**

# **COMEDY**

**'Laughter -- An interior convulsion, producing a distortion of the features and accompanied by inarticulate noises. It is infectious and, though intermittent, incurable'**

**Ambrose Bierce 'The Devil's Dictionary'**

## **Rhod Gilbert**

[www.myspace.com/rhodgilbertcomedian](http://www.myspace.com/rhodgilbertcomedian)

Direct from his sold-out nationwide tour, don't miss the hilarious Welsh Misery in his only London date this summer. Breakthrough Act nominee at the South Bank Show Awards 2009; Best Headliner Chortle Award 2009; Comic of the Year, Best Show and Breakthrough Act winner at the Time Out Awards 2008; If.Comedy Award nominee 2008; and star of the Royal Variety Performance and Live at the Apollo. Presented by Comedy Store Management.

Dates and Timings: July 10 (21.00hrs). 1 hour show  
Tickets: £15/£12.50

*'Comedy manna from heaven' The Independent \*\*\*\*\**

## **Gina Yashere**

Award winning comedienne Gina Yashere has become one of the most recognizable and sought after comics in the country. A storming performance on American TV's Last Comic Standing, led to GINA becoming the first British comic to appear on HBO's Def Comedy Jam. As a result Gina has found herself the toast of the Hollywood Hills and is currently based Stateside. Enjoy one hour of gold plated, uncompromising and outspoken hilarity. Presented by PBJ & JBJ Management Ltd

Dates and Timings: June 5-6. (21.00hrs)

Tickets: £15/£12.50

*'One of the best comics in the land'* The Guardian

## **Rhona Cameron**

After her 2008 sell out run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and her national tour. Award winning comedian and critically acclaimed author Rhona Cameron is bringing her show back to London for one final night. Expect a evening of hilarious storytelling, classic sharp wit and extremely funny observational humour, as Rhona takes the audience through the ridiculous situations of her darkly comical life and her struggle with the absurdities of modern times.

Dates and Timings: July 4 (21.00hrs), 1 hour show.

Tickets: £15/£12.50

*"She has mastered the art of creating great comedy...wonderful, engaging, feel-good, laugh-out-loud funny show."* The Scotsman \*\*\*\*

## **Clive James in the Evening**

[www.clivejamesevening.com](http://www.clivejamesevening.com)

Writer, broadcaster, raconteur - and arguably Australia's finest export - Clive James has been a British institution for longer than he cares to remember. In an unprecedented feat of strength he carries his latest book on stage and then talks about almost anything else, after which he answers questions about everything except his liaison with Margarita Pracatan. Presented by Jeremy Meadow.

Dates and Timings: June 18 (19.00hrs). 1 hour show.

Tickets: £18.50/£16

*'King of the chat shows'* Edinburgh Evening News

## **Taylor Mac – The Be(A)st of Taylor Mac**

For one night only! International political drag sensation Taylor Mac returns to London after a triumphant world tour! Genre-defying Taylor Mac took the 2006 Edinburgh Fringe by storm and hasn't looked back. He's since toured several continents, picking up so many awards he needed another suitcase. His updated, post-Bush era show *The Be(A)st of Taylor Mac* employs gender-bending surrealism to explore the human condition and challenge the contemporary culture of fear. Oh, and he plays the ukulele. Presented by Paul Lucas Productions

Date and Timings: May 30<sup>th</sup> (21.00hrs). 1 hour show.

Tickets: £15/£12.50

'The most distinctive and brilliant performer I've witnessed in ages \*\*\*\*\*' (The Scotsman)

## **An Audience with Arthur Smith**

Comedian, playwright and grumpy old man Arthur Smith airs old gags and creates new ones, recruiting friends and passers by in an attempt to prove that laughter is the one true metaphysical consolation. One of the comedians who shook up the world of light entertainment in the eighties, Arthur continues to experiment with the infinite possibilities of humour.

Dates and Timings: July 7 (19.00hrs). 1 hour show

Tickets: £15/£12.50

## **The Pete Firman Magic Show**

[www.petefirman.co.uk](http://www.petefirman.co.uk)

Acclaimed magician and comedian Pete Firman, described as the Tommy Cooper for the MySpace generation, brings his magic show to Southbank Centre for the first time. Previously seen performing alongside Justin Lee Collins on Channel 4's *Convention Crashers* and on ITV's *For One Night Only*.

Dates and Timings: July 16 (21.00hrs). 1 hour show.

Tickets: £12/£10

*'Gob-smackingly talented'* Metro

## Jan Ravens – A Funny Look At Impressions

[www.janravens.com](http://www.janravens.com)

Jan Ravens, famous for impersonating celebrities and public figures in the BBC's *Dead Ringers*, brings her solo stage debut to E4 Udderbelly in this delightfully funny and revelatory work. Ravens shows how she creates her remarkable impressions, with this insightful look at the world of funny voices and silly wigs. From Anne Robinson to the Queen via Fiona Bruce, no woman in the public eye can hide from Ravens' unique brand of satirical comedy. Presented by James Seabright

Dates and Timings: June 17 (19.00hrs). 90 minute show.

Tickets: £17.50/£15

*'Her impressions are modern and topical, with a fresh, satirical twist'* Daily Telegraph

## Reginald D Hunter – No Country for Grown Men

Award-winning comedian, Reginald D Hunter brings his critically acclaimed, sell-out show from the Edinburgh Festival to the shores of London's South Bank. Presented by Mick Perrin for Just For Laugh Live.

Dates and Timings: July 11-12 (21.00hrs). 1 hour show

Tickets: £16/£14

*'A masterful, playful comic... Hunter gets more ideas into his 50 minutes than some comics manage in a career.'* The Times \*\*\*\*

## Mitch Benn and The Distractions

[www.mitchbenn.com](http://www.mitchbenn.com)

From BBC Radio 4's *The Now Show*, **Crimes Against Music** and BBC1's *One Show*, Mitch Benn, dubbed the 'country's leading musical satirist' by The Times, is back with his band for the first time since last year's Sing Like An Angel Tour. Presented by IMWP.

Dates and Timings: June 4<sup>th</sup> (19.00hrs). 1 hour show.

Tickets: £15/£12.50

*'Is it a gig? Is it a comedy show? So musically adept are Mitch Benn and his band and so droll their parodies you get the best of both worlds.'* The Guardian

## Lewis Black

[www.lewisblack.com](http://www.lewisblack.com)

Lewis is one of the most prolific and popular performers working throughout the world today. His live performances provide a cathartic release of anger and disillusionment for his audience. Lewis yells so they don't have to. A passionate performer who is more pissed-off optimist than mean-spirited curmudgeon, he's perfected expressing what the rest of us cannot say in polite company. Lewis is the rare comic who can cause an audience to laugh themselves into incontinence while making compelling points about the absurdity of our world. Presented by Mick Perrin for Just For Laugh Live.

Dates and Timings: June 3 (21.00hrs) & June 7 (19.00hrs). 1 hour show.

Tickets: £15/£12.50

## David O'Doherty – It's David O'Doherty Time

**If.Comedy Award-winner 2008**

What's the time? It's David O'Doherty time. Tick tock, tick tock, it's O'Doherty o'clock. Prepare to have your world rocked (in quite a gentle way) as David O'Doherty, the Irish viscount of rumbled whimsy, the marble fawn of tiny keyboard-based musical comedy, embarks on his first ever UK tour. Presented by Chambers Management

Dates and Timings: July 2 (21.00hrs). 1 hour show

Tickets: £15/£12.50

*'Can there be anything more evil than someone trying their damndest to give musical comedy a good name? O'Doherty ... succeeds to the point of very nearly elevating this stand-up subgenre to true art'*  
The Scotsman

## Jimeoin

[www.jimeoin.com](http://www.jimeoin.com)

Internationally acclaimed as one of the masters of live comedy, Australia's favourite Irishman Jimeoin makes a welcome return to London. World-class stand up, pure and simple. Presented by Geffer Notice Productions & MZA.

Dates and Timings: June 8 (Preview), June 9-14 (21.00hrs). 1 hour show

Tickets: Preview £10 / weekdays & Sunday £15/13.50 / Sat £17.50/£15

*'It gets no better than this... Brilliant...! He's not trying to preach to you, he won't change your life, but he will make you laugh a lot.'* Time Out

## Jason Byrne

After another sensational year at the Edinburgh Festival, plus the release of his hugely successful DVD, *The Byrne Identity*, Jason Byrne comes to Southbank Centre for two riotous nights of comedy.

Presented by Phil McIntyre Entertainment.

Dates and Timings: July 17-18 (21.00hrs). 1 hour show.

Tickets: £17.50/£15

*'An hour of stand-up so joyous the clinically depressed should get it on prescription'*  
Metro \*\*\*\*\*

## All At Sea - Tim FitzHigham

[www.fitzhigham.co.uk](http://www.fitzhigham.co.uk)

Perrier Award-nominated comedian and author Tim FitzHigham, in a show of triumph, failure and navigable plumbing. The true story of a 200-mile, death-defying, world record-breaking trip from France to Tower Bridge in a Thomas Crapper bath with only a rubber duck and an A-Z of Whitstable for support. Fresh from a world tour, this unmissable evening celebrates the release of his new paperback 'All at Sea'. In conjunction with the SouthBank Centre Literary Festival.

Dates and Timings: July 14 (19.00hrs). 1 hour show.

Tickets: £12/£10

*'Gut bustingly funny'* The Scotsman

## The Comedy Store Players

Established back in 1985, the Players have continued to improvise to audience suggestion and wow packed-out audiences twice weekly at London's world famous Comedy Store. Each show is entirely unscripted and completely improvised so no two performances are ever the same. Expect a furiously paced show, heavily laden with spontaneity, absurdity, surreal sketches, music, and expertly-crafted mayhem from the finest performers in the business. Presented by The Comedy Store.

Dates and Timings: June 16 (19.00hrs). 1 hour show. £15/£12.50

Tickets:

*"Amazingly inventive...surreal brilliance. 'Whose Line is it Anyway?' is a pale TV imitation"*  
Daily Telegraph

## Priorité à Gauche – Bastille Day Special

France's premier acoustic pop/rap music sensation are back in London for one night only. Celebrate Bastille Day in style with the comedy scene's favourite French exchange performing all the hits that made them into the stars they think they are today.

Dates and Timings: July 14 (21.00hrs). 1 hour show.

Tickets: £15/£12.50

*'Excellent charm-laden tomfoolery'* Sunday Times

# STAND UP WITH PRIDE! Presented in Association with London Pride...

## Stand Up With Pride!

Blow your whistles and horns with E4 Udderbelly and a joyous night of comedy from some of the UK's best Gay and Lesbian Comedians. Pride London patron Zoe Lyons joins the outrageous Craig Hill, Susan Calman and Jonathan Mayor for a rollercoaster of campery, laughs and community spirit

celebrating the Pride Weekend. Remember you don't have to be gay to have a good time so put your lippy on and come on down! Presented by Underbelly in assoc. with Pride London.  
Dates and Timings: July 3-4 (22.45hrs). 1 hour 45 min show.  
Tickets: £15/£13

## 4 Poofs and a Piano

Hot on the heels from their smash hit UK tour, favourite songsters 4 Poofs and a Piano are back with their unique brand of camp comedy song and dance. The Poofs have been delighting audiences up and down the country with their musicality and comedic performances, and now invite you to join them as they take Southbank Centre by storm. Presented in association with Pride London.  
Dates and Timings: June 30-July 1 (21.00hrs). 1 hour show  
Tickets: £15/£13

*'These boys have enough panache to fill an entire jewel box'* The Scotsman

## Paul Sinha

Smart, articulate and thought-provoking stand-up from one of comedy's brightest and most distinctive voices. Each performance is a *tour de force*, combining intelligent and provocative humour with an arsenal of rapid fire gags. Paul Sinha is a qualified GP and full-time stand-up, and has appeared on shows including *The Now Show*, *Loose Ends* and *Fighting Talk*. Presented by CK Productions in assoc. with Pride London  
Dates and Timings: July 3 (21.00hrs). 1 hour show  
Tickets: £15/£12.50

*'Well on the way to earning himself a place in the pantheon of comedy greats'* The Scotsman

## Eyes Down! Bingo with Ida Barr

Ex-music hall star turned OAP rapper Ida Barr is well known for her unique brand of Artificial Hip-Hop, but she is also a skilled bingo caller. Book early and get yer eyes down for a riot of housey-housey, top quality prizes courtesy of Poundstretcher, and gangsta grandma rap including her new collaboration with Dizzee Rascal, *I'll Slap Yer Legs (And Tell Yer Mum)*. Presented by Oldman Management.  
Dates and Timings: June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28 (16.30hrs), 75 min show.  
Tickets: £11/£9

*'Ida Barr is leg-crossingly funny and occasionally heartbreakingly moving'* The Times

## Tina C - Complete & Utter Country

9-time Grammy award-winning country singer Tina C. ran for President in 2008. She just lost out to BO but this didn't stop her becoming an icon for our age. This is her only London gig of 2009 so expect high hilarity, high hair and finely honed political comedy in a stadium show to remember. Tina C is the creation of Olivier Award-winning character comedian, Christopher Green. Presented by Oldman Management in assoc. with Pride London.  
Dates and Timings: June 26 (21.00hrs). 1 hour show.  
Tickets: £15/£12.50

*'Tina is utterly captivating...achingly funny...faultless'* The Melbourne Age

# WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS: CURATED SHOWS AT THE UDDERBELLY

## Josie Long and Friends

Josie Long presents a one-off show that promises daftness, excitement and surprises, featuring hot skit crew Pappy's Fun Club and science pin-up Robin Ince, as well as some very special guests. Come and be cheered up by silliness and exuberance. Join in with games and arts and lively yourself up. Presented by Underbelly in assoc. with Just The Tonic.  
Dates and Timings: July 8 (21.00hrs). 90 minute show.  
Tickets: £15/£12.50

*'What great comedy can be, inspired and inspiring'* Metro \*\*\*\*\*

## **SPANK!**

James & Leon's stellar night of stand up, sketch and musical comedy mayhem comes to the Southbank Centre for one night only. Presented by James Wren & Leon Flurry with Objective Talent Management. Dates and Timings: July 17 (22.45hrs). 105 minute show. Tickets: £15/£10

*'This show provides everything you could hope for in a late night comedy showcase: cutting edge, filthy humour, a romp through the hottest talents and a break for beer in the middle... This is an absolutely must-see show'* Three Weeks \*\*\*\*\*

## **Maxwell's Fullmooners Moonlanding Moontacular!**

**Andrew Maxwell, Sir Tim, Lady Carol & Guests**

[www.maxwellsfullmooners.com](http://www.maxwellsfullmooners.com)

Are you a Fullmooner? Currently the UK's most talked about late-night comedy variety show, hosted by the award-winning, self-styled 'hip-hop count Dracula', Andrew Maxwell. Come howl at the moon! Don't hate us, join us. Presented by PBJ in assoc. with Brett Vincent for Underbelly Promotions.

Dates and Timings: June 19 (22.45hrs). 90 min show.

Tickets: £15/£12.50

*'This is a proper comedy gig. Maxwell is better here than I have ever seen him.'*  
The Scotsman

## **The Best of The Comedy Store**

[www.thecomedystore.co.uk](http://www.thecomedystore.co.uk)

The Comedy Store, dubbed comedy's 'unofficial National Theatre' by The Guardian, proudly presents the brightest comedy talent from the UK and international circuit. As the premier name in stand-up comedy, with 30 years experience in the business, the Store remains a breeding ground for original comedy talent, and is still the place to see tomorrow's stars today. Simply the best stand up shows in town.

Dates and Timings: May 30, June 5-6, June 12-13, June 26 & 18 July (22.45hrs), 1 hour 45 min show

Tickets: £16/£14

*'The world of comedy is unimaginable without it'* Time Out

## **Katy Brand and Friends**

See Katy Brand, British Comedy Award and star of ITV2's *Katy Brand's Big Ass Show*, live and unleashed at the E4 Udderbelly. With a mixture of familiar characters and new material, Katy will be joined on stage by some of her favourite fellow comedians for an hour of noisy, anarchic fun. Includes music spoofs, celebrity satire and a whole lot more, this is the comic equivalent of a Solero – lots of creamy jokes with a juicy twist in the middle. Presented by Underbelly in assoc. with International Artistes Ltd by Objective Talent Management

Dates and Timings: July 12 (19.00hrs). 1 hour show

Tickets: £16.50/£14.50

*'Television's hottest new comic talent'* Evening Standard

## **The Early Edition presents The Sunday Roast**

**Starring Marcus Brigstocke, Andre Vincent and special guests**

Don't want to read the papers anymore? Don't worry, we do it for you. If you are of the opinion that every page of your Sunday paper is filled with doom, destruction and downfall, well... we understand. But now comes a current affairs comedy show that questions all those assumptions, a show that ridicules the naysayers, unravels the spin and pooh-poohs the pomposity of headline print. Presented by Brett Vincent for Underbelly Promotions.

Dates and Timings: June 7, June 14, June 21, July 5, July 12 (12.30hrs), 75 min show

Tickets: £10/£7

## **The Cutting Edge**

The Comedy Store's resident satirical comedy show featuring a team of highly talented, razor-sharp stand-ups. Inspired by the week's news, and spurred on by the audience, this incisive team test their wits through a series of games, songs and joke competitions in this innovative topical comedy show. Don't miss some of the very finest performers from the UK and International circuit in this highly

original, anarchic and banter-fuelled show, where the audience is part and parcel of the fun. Presented by The Comedy Store.

Dates and Timings: June 24, July 5 (19.00hrs), 90 min show.

Tickets: £15/£12.50

*"Go once and you'll become addicted"* Time Out

## **Political Animal**

**Thurs 4 June Guests include; Paul Sinha, Ian Stone, Music from Gavin Osborn**

**Thurs 9 July Guests include; Chris Addison, Stephen Grant, Music from Gavin Osborn**

*Political Animal*, the nation's only and probably best political stand-up gig, triumphantly returns to London from gardening leave for two nights only, to harangue and cajole a very naughty planet. Hosted by the undisputed, sporadically-acclaimed Andy Zaltzman, and featuring two outstanding bills of top-class comedians, this show leaves no hot potato unbuttered and will probably result in the overthrow of several governments around the world. Presented by Underbelly in assoc. with Avalon Ltd.

Dates and Timings: 4<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> July. 75 minute show

Tickets: £15/£12.50

# MUSIC

***'Of all noises, I think music is the least disagreeable'***

**Samuel Johnson**

## **Beardyman's Complete and Udder Shambles**

Mighty beatboxer extraordinaire Beardyman joins forces with special guests from the worlds of music, comedy, visual art and the audience on an improvised journey through time, space, the evolution of music, culture and his uniquely hairy underpants. His mission is to explore the limitless possibilities of collaboration, push the boundaries of reality and to save planet earth from boredom and apathy. He's game, but the question is, are you? Presented by Underbelly and Think Espionage Ltd

Dates and Timings: July 6, July 13 (20.30hrs). 2 hour show

Tickets: £14/£11

*"Literally the most entertaining live human being I've seen in donkeys' years"*

Rob da Bank, BBC Radio 1

## **Shlomo and the Vocal Orchestra**

Southbank Centre Artist in Residence Shlomo appears along with unique beatboxing choir the Vocal Orchestra in a performance combining uncanny vocal renditions of classic tunes, intricate improvisations and floor-wobbling basslines – in short, a live show the likes of which you will never have seen before.

Dates and Timings: June 1-2 (19.30hrs) 2 hour show, June 3 (19.00hrs) 1 hour show.

Tickets: June 1 £16/£12.50 / June 2 £16/£12.50 / June 3 £15/£12.50

*'The kid's good. Jaw-droppingly good.'* The Guardian

## **PoeJazzi: Polarbear, Sound Of Rum & Benin City (Hosted by Scroobius Pip)**

Scroobius Pip hosts a lineup hotter than lava: spoken word and music from some of the UK's finest poets and their bands. Appearing are BBC Radio 1 superstar Polarbear, fronting Afrobear; the blistering Excentral Tempest, along with Sound of Rum; and A Poem in between People's superb Afrofunk outfit, Benin City. Also features recitals from the bestselling Inua Ellams and the magnificent Poeticat.

Dates and Timings: June 15 (19.00hrs). 3 hour show.

Tickets: £12/£10

'No. 1 critics' choice, Edinburgh Fringe - Time Out \*\*\*\*\*

## **The Magnets - Under The Covers**

The Magnets dare to take a *cappella* music where other vocal groups fear to tread with their fusion of vocal harmonies and beatboxing. In *Under The Covers* they use their unique sound to explore unexpected corners of the pop canon from Joy Division to Scissor Sisters, and to demonstrate that an *cappella* group can make a sound to rival any band with instruments. Simply great music, made simply with the mouth.

Dates and Timings: June 5-6 (19.00hrs). 1 hour show

Tickets: £15/£12.50

'Slick, entertaining, with infectious groove' (Time Out)

## **Woody Sez**

*Woody Sez* celebrates the spirit of American folk legend Woody Guthrie, whose music continues to inspire today's finest storytelling songwriters including Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, John Mellencamp, the Indigo Girls and Billy Bragg. Charismatic Broadway veteran David Lutken, as Woody, is joined by three folk musicians, bringing Guthrie's music to life with twin fiddles, guitars, bass, harmonica, banjo, mandolin, dulcimer, dobro and beautiful folk harmonies. Winner of the 2008 Argus Angel Award. Presented by Mary Cossette in assoc. with Paul Lucas Productions.

Dates and Timings: July 16-19 (16.30hrs). 90 minute show.

# **CABARET**

***'Wilkommen, bienvenue, welcome, im cabaret, au cabaret, to cabaret!'***

**Sally**

## **Camille O'Sullivan & Friends - The Cat's Meow**

[www.camilleosullivan.com](http://www.camilleosullivan.com)

Kitty is back! Awarded Best Spiegeltent Show Dublin Fringe Festival in 2007, international superstar Camille O'Sullivan (and original La Clique performer) curates a dark, delicious variety show of the top tomtcats and kitties from music, circus, dance and theatre and sings a few purrrrrrrfect tunes herself. Contemplate love, sex, drama and death under the purple drapes...meow.

Dates and Timings: June 27 (21.00hrs). 90 minute show

Tickets: £18/£16

*'She treats every song as an intense emotional journey...hypnotic'* The Independent \*\*\*\*\*

## **The Crack (Miss Behave)**

Not your average nine o'clock muse, The Crack brings an explosive combination of stand-up, variety and side-splitting comic performers together. From wholesome fun to risky business this is a lucky dip where acts range from the sublime to the ridiculous and the audience is always the winner. Please note: this performance is recommended for ages **16 and over**. Presented By Mick Perrin for Just For Laughs Live and Miss Behave.

Dates and Timings: June 16-21 (21.00hrs). 90 minute show.

Tickets: June 16-18 £17/£15 / June 19 - 21 £21/£19

# FAMILY

***'My childhood may be over, but that doesn't mean playtime is'***

Ron Olson

## **The Little Mermaid**

### **Uncontained Theatre**

Hans Christian Andersen's much-loved fairytale is brought to life in a play with music and puppetry, suitable for the whole family. Enter a world where men and women do not walk with legs, but swim with tails and live side-by-side with sea creatures. The Little Mermaid longs to be part of the human world so she can marry her prince, but she never imagines the price she will pay to make her dream a reality.

**Suitable for ages 4+**. In association with Scamp, Tangere Arts & Buxton Opera House

Dates and Timings: June 20, June 22<sup>nd</sup> (14.30hrs). 1 hour show.

Tickets: £12/£9

*'Quite simply, this is brilliant'* (Nottingham Evening Post on *Bretevski Street*)

## **Potted Pirates**

### **[www.pottedpirates.com](http://www.pottedpirates.com)**

The new show from Potted Potter's Dan and Jeff

After the hilarious success of *Potted Potter*, delightful double act and CBBC presenters Dan and Jeff return with this new compressed caper. In search of talking parrots and mysterious buried treasure, the delightful duo tell tall tales of the seven seas, from Long John Silver and Blackbeard to a couple of notorious lady pirates, and present a full-scale re-enactment of the Spanish Armada. **Suitable for ages 6+**. Presented by James Seabright for Potted Productions.

Dates and Timings: July 4-5 (17.00hrs). 65 min show

Tickets: £12.50/£10

*'Inventive, daft fun for all the family.'* (The Guardian)