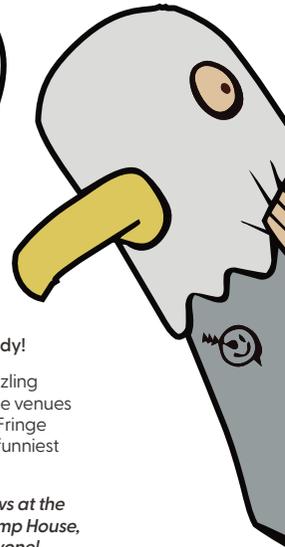






SCAN ME



Welcome to the 11th Hastings Comedy Festival. A seaside celebration of live comedy!

This year is our biggest and funniest festival yet. We are thrilled to showcase a dazzling lineup of top tier comedians, headline stars and hidden gems, across your favourite venues in Hastings and St Leonards. You'll experience everything live comedy offers, from Fringe favourites and tour previews to exclusive work-in-progress sets from some of the funniest emerging and established acts in the UK and beyond.

Our newcomer competition, The Norman Award, is back, plus super fun kids' shows at the Stade Hall. And don't miss our secret shows, an open mic afternoon at Ye Olde Pump House, and a festival showcase at White Rock Studio 27. There's a comedy show for everyone!

We love organising Hastings Comedy Festival because we are huge comedy fans and passionate about our hometown, Hastings and St. Leonards. We could not celebrate our 11th anniversary without you, our amazing audience. Thank you!

A big thank you to the hilarious acts, the brilliant venue teams, our amazing HCF team and the super talented Darren Baxter for our poster design and graphic designer Darren Rogers for their creative magic.

Let's make this a comedy festival to remember. Please show your love and support for live comedy!

Chris and Jake, Festival Directors

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Tour show



Improv



1066 based act



Musical show

3+

6+

14+

16+

Age suitability



*Listings subject to change. If show is cancelled, you will receive ticket price full refund.

* All shows are 18+ unless specified in the programme. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.



ROSIE JONES

(Work in Progress)

Friday 5th June

Oscars

Join Rosie Jones, star of *Out of Order* and *Taskmaster UK*, as she road-tests new material ahead of her upcoming fringe run. As seen on *Live At The Apollo*, *8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown*, and *The Last Leg*.

'Seldom can an hour in a prick's company have been more enjoyable' - *Guardian*.

'Her jokes are beautifully crafted with no beat wasted and punchlines that take you by surprise' - *iTalkTelly*.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.



RED RICHARDSON

Friday 5th June

East Hastings Angling Club

Red Richardson is an internationally renowned stand up comedian, writer, and actor. His 'Stay Toxic' videos have well over a hundred million views on Instagram alone and his stand up shows sell out theatres and comedy clubs across the globe.

In 2023 his stand up show 'The Best of Red Richardson' sold out the Leicester Square Theatre in under 24 hours. In 2024 Red embarked on his Bugatti live tour, which he took to America and sold out the legendary comedy store in LA twice with venues selling out months in advance and extra shows being added in every city of The UK and Ireland.

8pm. Book online to reserve seat for £15/£17.50 on the door, if available.





MAISIE ADAM

Tuesday 2nd June
Observer Building

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8:45pm.

KARL PORTER

AND WHAT?

Saturday 6th June
East Hastings Sea Angling Club

Karl Porter is a Manchester-based comedian, who went viral for his iconic slow-motion goal celebration. Known for his physical comedy and sharp observational humour, Karl brings high-energy storytelling inspired by football culture, everyday life, and modern British absurdities. His natural charisma and crowd-pleasing style make him a standout both online and on stage.

Karl was the winner of the King-Gong at The Comedy Store, Up-the-Creek Comedy competition in London, and the recipient of two awards at the 2024 North West Comedy Awards for Social Media Act and Breakthrough Act of the Year.

In 2023, Karl Porter shot to viral fame with his slow motion goal celebration, gaining over 50 Million views on his Instagram page alone. Following this, Karl appeared on BBC News, TalkSport, ESPN, New Zealand Breakfast, BT Canada, and performed at the launch of EA Sports 2023, opening the show before Rio Ferdinand took to the stage. Lad Bible nominated Karl as their 2023 "Lad of The Year."

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £15/17.50 on the door, if available. A small number of early bird tickets will be on sale for a limited time.





NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2026

“THE NORMAN AWARD”

Sunday 7th June
The Piper

10 exciting emerging comedians will battle it out on stage in an afternoon of killer stand-up comedy, hosted by the brilliant Barry Ferns (Angel Comedy Club London)

Join us at The Piper in St Leonards on Sunday 7th June 2026 to see who claims the crown and dons the legendary 1066 battle helmet!

3 Special guest judges and festival directors Chris and Jake will be on hand to help decide the winner.

Don't miss this unmissable showcase of fresh live talent and maybe witness the next big thing in UK comedy!

1:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £5/£6.50 on the door, if available.



OLIVER MOORE

Saturday 6th June
Jenny Lind

Hastings Comedy Festival Newcomer Winner 2025.

A stand-up comedy show featuring a wide range of material, from longer routines to short, sharp jokes, with some adult themes. Oliver returns to Hastings Comedy Festival following his win at the Hastings New Act Award 2025, alongside finalist appearances at the Chortle Student Awards and the Hoots Edinburgh New Act Awards.

5pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.





3+

Katie and Ben

Travel Through Time and Try Not to Destroy the Universe

Saturday 6th June
Stade Hall

Join Katie and Ben as they travel through time to retrieve missing artifacts that have mysteriously disappeared from their historical lost property office. Who has been stealing them, what do they want them for and can our heroes find out before time runs out?

These stalwart Comedy Club 4 Kids performers are coming together for the first time to create a unique, daft and original historical rumpus for kids. Come be part of the fun!

2:15pm. Book online to reserve seat for £5/£6.50 on the door, if available. Family of 4 £15/£17.50 on the door.



6+

El Baldininho

Magic Baldy's Funny Magic Show

Saturday 6th June
Stade Hall

Join kids comedy magician 'El Baldininho' (as seen on Britain's Got Talent!) as he presents his daftest magic show yet. Learn and take home some simple magic tricks too!!

Suitable for age 6+ and families

*All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

3:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £5/£6.50 on the door, if available. Family of 4 £15/£17.50 on the door.



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TEZ ILYAS

(Work in Progress)

Monday 1st June
The Printworks

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7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.



DARREN WALSH

New Puns

Monday 1st June
The St Leonard

Join award-winning punslinger Darren Walsh, creator of the 'Jokes on the Street' series you may have seen on social media, as he road-tests jokes, silly songs, and visuals. Please don't come if you don't like puns. Jokes like: "Saw a yacht with a 'sold' sign on its mast. Before that, it was for sail," and "Did a gig with a jewel thief. They put him on first. Safe opener." That kind of thing. 'Punbelievable!' ***** (Mirror). Winner: Joke of the Edinburgh Fringe; Winner: Joke of the Leicester Comedy Festival

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



LARA RICOTE

(Work in Progress)

Monday 1st June
The Printworks

Edinburgh Comedy Award Best Newcomer Winner Lara Ricote is a Mexican-American-Venezuelan stand up comedian and writer based in Amsterdam. She won the Funny Women Stage Award in 2021 and the Edinburgh Comedy Award for Best Newcomer in 2022 for her debut solo show GRL/LATNX/DEF, which explores her experiences as a hard-of-hearing Latina woman. Ricote has performed in both English and Spanish across Europe and Latin America. She has appeared on Live At The Apollo, Mel Giedroyc's Unforgivable, Question Team, QI, Alan Davies' As Of Yet Untitled, Comedy Central Live and World's Most Dangerous Roads.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.



RUBY CARR

Bite Me

Monday 1st June
The St Leonard

New silly stand up show from "enchanting human shaped hurricane", Edinburgh Reviews, 5 stars. Ruby Carr has been promised a Hollywood smile from her dentist in 32 weeks. The NHS only has 12 to fix her OCD.

Working on her teeth and her brain all means one thing, there's a lot going on in her head. The plan is simple: fix her teeth, fix her life, so that she can move up a metaphorical floor in her head and finally fix that pesky OCD. Nominated Best Show at the Leicester Comedy Festival 2026 "Ruby commands the stage with a radiant, infectious energy" - SLEEC REVIEWS, 4 stars.

9pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



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RHYS JAMES

(Work in Progress)

Tuesday 2nd June
Observer Building

A brand-new work-in-progress stand-up show from professional little know-it-all Rhys James. Mock, QI, Apollo. Sure. TikTok. Yep. Instagram? Obviously. But let's be fair, released a book in 2025 too and went on Channel 5 News to plug it. This show will be funny, but maybe not as funny as in a few months' time. This is reflected in the ticket price.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £12.50/£15 on the door, if available.



LOU WALL

(Work in Progress)

Tuesday 2nd June
The Piper

Most Outstanding Show at Melbourne International Comedy Festival Nominee Lou Wall is a multi-award-winning comedian, composer and content creator known for their genre-defying, politically savvy, and musically driven comedy.

In 2025, Breaking the Fifth Wall opened to critical acclaim with a Melbourne Comedy Festival Award nomination.

On-screen, Lou has written and performed on ABC's WTFQAQ (2023), and appeared in ABC America's Reef Break and ABC Australia's FISK.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



SPRING DAY

My Name is Spring Day and Other Stupid Facts (Work in Progress)

Tuesday 2nd June
The St Leonard

Did you know that Eyes Wide Shut is technically a Christmas movie or that water can't get wet? Watch Live at the Apollo comedian Spring Day (her real name) prove, in this stand up comedy show that not only is truth stranger than fiction it's a lot funnier too.

'A joke heavy storytelling show' ★★★★★ On the Mic 'A sharp set with great punchlines' ★★★★★ One4Review 'Wow!' ★★★★★ Beyond The Joke 'Wicked punchlines' - ★★★★★ Broadway Baby 'A definite must-see' - ★★★★★ ThreeWeeks.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



JOEY PAGE

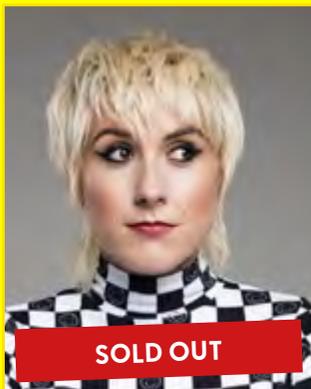
We would all be ok with the end of the world if only they'd give us the date (Work in Progress)

Tuesday 2nd June
The Piper

Now do you think if they gave us a date for the end of the world, we would actually all be a bit happier? Yes, we would all miss sending pictures of shit look-a-likes of each other to our friends. But think of all the small talk we wouldn't have to have.

No taking the bins out. No more calories Cheese strength. Advertising. This show might be about all of this. It's not written yet. It's a WIP.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



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9pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.

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**MATT RICHARDSON
AND ESTHER
MANITO SHARE
AN HOUR**

**Wednesday 3rd June
Albion**

Join two comedy whirlwinds - Esther Manito (Live at the Apollo) and Matt Richardson (Dancing On Ice) as they work up material for their next tours. Expect - fast paced, angry and rude jokes by two of comedy's most in-demand names. Two for the price of one - what a deal!

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



CLAIRE VOYANT

Please Don't Eat The Props (Work in Progress)

**Wednesday 3rd June
Jenny Lind**

A comedy magic show featuring clairvoyance, questionable foresight, and at least one object that is more important than it appears. Some predictions come true. Some are edible. None are explained. Based in Battle (and occasionally venturing beyond the 1066 postcode), A regular performer with the Stables Improv Team (SIT), Olivia has been bothering audiences with offbeat comedy and deeply questionable predictions for longer than strictly necessary.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



SUE HICKS

So.Sue.Me.

**Wednesday 3rd June
Ye Olde Pump House**

You're never too old to get into mischief, especially with the grandchildren's help. It's finally OK to get back on the swings and no one bats an eyelid if you've got a toddler with you. The joys of grandparenting are helping Sue Hicks cope with the trials of late middle (never old!) age. Nothing is as big as it used to be. Bodily functions simply don't. Life has become a battle with gravity. To get things off her (rapidly descending) chest Sue commits anything that hacks her off to verse, to console herself that there is always a funny side, though it sometimes makes her swear...

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



SAM COADE

Birth of the Fool (Work in Progress)

**Wednesday 3rd June
French's**

Sam Coade (BBC Radio 4, BBC Scotland) brings a work-in-progress version of his debut solo show to Hastings Comedy Festival. Join him as he explores jazz, community, and what it means to be in the moment in this offbeat show. 20 million views online.

Pleasance Reserve Nominee Winner: Best New Act Runner Up: West End New Act

'Fantastic' Evening Standard 'You v v funny' Sam Campbell 'One of the best acts I've seen recently' Rich Wilson.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.





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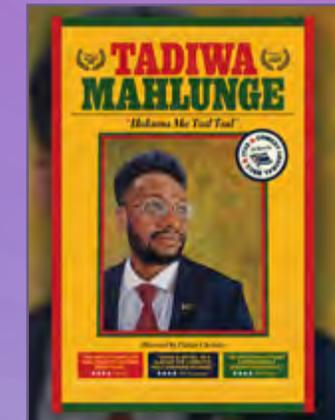
(Work in Progress)

Wednesday 3rd June

The Piper

Fresh off his latest tour, award-winning stand-up and viral sensation Ali Woods returns to Hastings to work on new material!

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



TADIWA MAHLUNGE

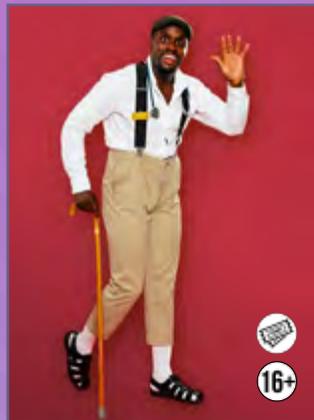
Hakuna Ma Tad Tad

Wednesday 3rd June

Oscars

“I’m back with a new show about how being a refugee forged my ambition, self belief and why I believe you deserve the same Kanye-level confidence I have (without the life-altering trauma). I have in no way cynically leveraged my life story and timed this tour to profiteer off the tense mood on immigration in the nation, and any such accusation will be met with litigation from my mother.” – Tadiwa. Tadiwa Mahlunge is one of the fastest-rising stars in British comedy, named by The Times as one of their “Top 3 Stars of Tomorrow”.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



MICHAEL AKADIRI

Don't Call Me Uncle!

(Tour Preview)

Wednesday 3rd June

Albion

Following two hit UK tours, Biggest Award in Comedy nominee and resident (junior) Doctor Michael Akadiri prescribes Hastings to a potent preview of his latest offering, Don't Call Me Uncle! Michael is proud to wear many hats: doctor, husband & father. Evidently, that list does not include uncle. Yet, despite only being in his early 30s, “the supremely talented and likeable” (Metro) doctor, for the first time ever, was recently called uncle in public – This has sent him spiralling! Join him as his fights this lurid allegation with his trademark “sharp-wit” and “hugely entertaining” (Chortle) anecdotes.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.

ALEX KITSON

It's For You

Wednesday 3rd June

Jenny Lind

Alex Kitson is a multi-award-winning stand-up, writer and performer. Cutting his teeth in Bristol—where he founded and MC'd several hit nights including the Chortle Award-winning White Bear Comedy Club—he was hailed as “the best of Bristol’s rising comics” (Bristol 24/7) and a “Bristol comedy legend” (The Kettle). Now London-based, his debut hour earned multi-award nominations at the 2024 Edinburgh Fringe, including ISH Edinburgh Comedy Awards Best Newcomer and Dave’s Funniest Joke, with gags picked among the year’s Best Jokes by national press.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.





CURRER BALL

The Neighbours
(Work in Progress)

Wednesday 3rd June
Ye Olde Pump House

A comedy hour about the couple next door. The perfect couple. Except... What were those noises coming through the wall this morning? And who was that knocking at their door in the middle of the night? And what were they really throwing out at the recycling bins? Currer smells a rat, and not just because his flat's infested. Notting Hill meets Rear Window in a true story packed with jokes and twists.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



MICKY OVERMAN

Wednesday 3rd June
French's

Her latest tour for her critically acclaimed show "Hold On" had sell-out shows across the UK and Europe, including a sold-out show at Amsterdam's prestigious Royal Theatre Carré.

A sharp writer and confident performer, Micky has written and acted in sketches for ITV2's The Stand Up Sketch Show, Channel 4's Crizards – Quicksand!, BBC Three's Women's Underground Secret, and programmes by Pulped and The Hook.

Her podcast Thank F** For That* with Sarah Keyworth and her own social media sketches have garnered millions of views.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



JODY KAMALI

Barbecue (Work in Progress)

Wednesday 3rd June
The Piper

Some dads leave you wisdom, tools, or money. Mine left me with stories so wild they sound made up. It's 29.10.2025. Welcome to the Barbecue. A work-in-progress character comedy from award-winning performer Jody Kamali. 'exuberantly, unapologetically mindless... too funny'

The Guardian, 'an astonishing tour de force' Dark Chat, 'Makes every individual moment entertaining' The Stage.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



TONY LAW

Behavin Haven

Wednesday 3rd June
Oscars

Tony Law takes over Oscars on the square for one night only! Tony Law returns with Behavin Haven, a wildly inventive stand-up show from one of comedy's true originals. Known for his surreal storytelling, rapid-fire improvisation and gloriously unpredictable mind, Tony takes audiences on a hilarious journey through bizarre observations, absurd tangents and unexpected moments of brilliance. Nothing is off limits and nothing is ever quite what it seems.

9pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.





RUSSELL HICKS

The America Ground is Mine!

Wednesday 3rd June

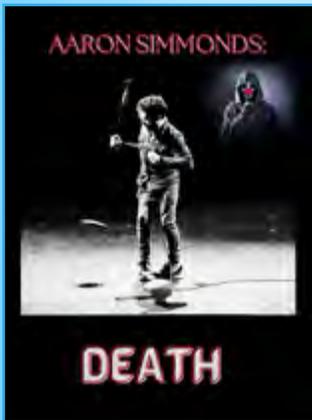
Albion

American stand up comedian Russell Hicks is back In Hastings after selling out every shows he's done with the festival since 2018. He's appeared in multiple feature films including Edgar Wright's *The Running Man* (2025). You also may have seen his phenomenally successful 'Dear Diary' series on Instagram, which has amassed millions of views.

Last year's show was about his life in the UK. This year it's about...him. He's back. And this time... it's personal. As seen on ITV, BBC, Channel 4, Prime Video. Winner of the 2024 Prague Fringe Festival and two-time Leicester Festival Best Show Nominee.

10pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.





AARON SIMMONDS

Death

Thursday 4th June
Albion

A stand-up comedy show from a comedian that cannot stand up. A show all about death that is truly life affirming. And a third thing, Aaron Simmonds, as seen on QI (BBC2), Russell Howard Hour (Sky), The Stand-Up Sketch Show (ITV) and more has been an award-winning comedian for over a decade, entertaining audiences across the UK and the world, and yet, he maintains the funniest thing he's ever done is at a funeral. *Content warning* Swearing, Sex and Suicidal ideation (not at the same time).

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



MAIA TASSALINI

I Was 22 and Stunning
(Work in Progress)

Thursday 4th June
Jenny Lind

In her debut hour, BBC New Comedian of the Year Finalist 2024 and Pleasance Reserve 2025 alum Maia Tassalini guides the audience through an odyssey of power, shame, gossip, sex, public humiliation and being the world's number one Monica Lewinsky stan.

'Maia is a natural. Born to do it. Unreal!' Shaparak Khorsandi.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



ANNA SODEN

It Comes Out Your Bum

Thursday 4th June
Ye Olde Pump House

Anna's brain is a bum. Come and see all the nice things that come out of it! Comedian, actor and award-nominated pantomime cow Anna Soden's madcap debut comedy hour – full of songs, revenge and talking out your ass. 'Very Funny' – Harry Hill 'Soden is superb and has a real gift for comedy' – British Theatre Guide 'The pace was snappy, the tone was chatty, the humour batty' – York Press 'Practically perfect in every way' – The Stage 2025 Norman Award Finalist! Featured on Absolute Radio, BBC, iHeart Radio, and millions of views on Tiktok/Instagram.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



DIANE SPENCER

Coming Together

Thursday 4th June
French's

Chirpy, saucy and charming, Diane has been described as "Mary Poppins on crack". Delightfully bonkers, Diane interweaves stories with a unique perspective, packing her shows full of punchlines. Expect jokes on sexual mishaps, nutty parents and pushy psychics. "Not for the faint-hearted but also not to be missed" ***** ThreeWeeks. Diane Spencer has written 10 stand-up specials which are all available to watch on YouTube. Self-deprecating not political, saucy not crude; a club comic for 17 years, Diane has garnered multiple 4/5 star reviews and has a growing online fan base.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



MARK THOMAS

Thursday 4th June
The Piper

Mark Thomas is 40 in stand up years. In that time he has changed laws on tax, jailed arms dealers, kick started a comedy circuit in Palestine, given evidence before three Parliamentary select committees and has taken the police to court three times and won. The world's moving far too fast to predict what the content will be but it is the normal stuff of government and personal mayhem, expect jokes, rants, politics, swearing and possible nudity as he emerges from large cake singing happy birthday mr president.*

*Cake correct at time of publication.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.



ERIKA EHLER

(Work in Progress)

Thursday 4th June
Oscars

Emmy nominated writer and comedian, as seen on Frankie Boyle's New World Order (BBC Two), Comedians Giving Lectures (Dave) and Comedy Central Live, Canadian-born Erika Ehler made a striking debut at the 2019 Edinburgh Fringe, named as an "act to watch" by The Skinny and Rolling Stone, with critics praising her dark, incisive comedy and sharp delivery.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



JOSH BAULF

(Work in Progress)

Thursday 4th June
Albion

After bursting on to the comedy scene with his razor-sharp wit and a string of viral videos, Josh Baulf brings a work in progress of his new tour show! Described by Rob Beckett as a comedian 'you have to see live' and hailed by David Walliams as 'a very funny man', Josh delves into the hilarities of millennial life, navigating modern relationships and the quirks of British culture. Appeared on ITV and BBC. 'Laugh out loud funny' ***** (One4Review.co.uk). 'A comedian who will make good on his enormous promise' ***** (ThreeWeeks).

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



NATHAN CASSIDY

Ewww!

Thursday 4th June
Jenny Lind

Multi-award winning and critically acclaimed comic with a new show about something he doesn't want to reveal. Warning: contains nudity. Ewww! ★★★★★ 1/2 'An excellent comedian' One4Review 2025 ★★★★★ 1 'Star in waiting. He is untouchable.' The Times 'Few have been as deeply moving as Nathan Cassidy. A powerful force on stage' The Scotsman 2025. Star of 6 Specials, BBC Radio 5 Live and million downloaded podcast 'Daily Notes'. 13 Comedy Award wins/nominations 2019-2025.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.





TREVOR BICKLES

Where to Guv?

Thursday 4th June
Ye Olde Pump House

Everyone knows what it's like to be the passenger in a cab, but what's it like being the driver? Let Trev take you on a journey of his life, loves & like all cabbies... his opinions on everything.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



BEN VAN DER VELDE

Van der Laugh Generator

Thursday 4th June
French's

One of the best improvisers on the stand-up circuit tries to make sense of the chaos of the world. Join Ben as he squeezes the comedy juice out of everything under the sun, from hunter-gatherers to AI, XL bullies to boardgames and beyond. It'll be a bit like watching Wikipedia having a nervous breakdown. For fans of Ross Noble, Jason Byrne and heroic nonsense. "An accomplished comic." Time Out "Perfect... the audience were hysterical." Huffington Post.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



FAB GOUALIN

(Work in Progress)

Thursday 4th June
Oscars

BBC New Comedy Award Nominee and So You Think You're Funny? Finalist, Fab Goualin is building his first one hour show. In June, he will be bringing his sharp observations, oddball logic, and high-energy charm to Hastings for the first time - spinning everyday moments into brilliantly weird stories.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



MILO EDWARDS

(Work in Progress)

Thursday 4th June
The Piper

Critically acclaimed comedian Milo Edwards is trying out some new jokes. Sell-Out show at the Edinburgh Fringe 2025 Newcastle Fringe Best Comedy Show Nominee 2025 "Edwards has quietly become one of the UK's smartest, most vital stand-ups" - Chortle, 'Near perfect.' ★★★★★ The Wee Review, 'Milo Edwards' comedy is a little like marmalade.' ★★★★★ Broadway Baby 'He must surely go onwards and upwards.' ★★★★★ The Daily Telegraph Leicester Comedy Festival Best Show Nominee 2023/ 24.

9pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.





RIVER

Love, Peace & Chicken Grease

Thursday 4th June

Frenchs

River is a real-life storyteller with a globe-spanning past and a fearless voice. 'Love, Peace and Chicken Grease' transforms raw lived experience into sharp, soulful comedy.

River brings a unique perspective forged through activism in racial and environmental justice, and the silencing that followed.

Bringing to life her tales from pole dancing to protest. River has the ability to draw comedy from even the darkest of times in her life. She's truly one of kind.

10pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



THE SECRET SHOW

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SPEECHLESS IMPROV

Friday 5th June
White Rock Hotel

Long-form improv and live music inspired by silent film. Speechless is a new comedy group creating stories that unfold without uttering a single word. Inspired by the physical comedy and visual storytelling of early cinema, our performances rely on expressive faces, committed movement, and impeccable timing rather than dialogue. A homage to the great comedians of black and white film and the silver screen era, Speechless are taking comedy into a bold new area.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.



SARAH ROBERTS

Scary Movie 7
(Work in Progress)

Friday 5th June
Sugarpie Honeybuns

Sarah Roberts (BBC New Comedy Awards, The Guardian's Funniest Comedians of the Fringe, Rolling Stone's Rising Stars of 2024 and 2025 Chortle Award Nominated Shitposter) is doing a blood ritual (work in progress show), and you've been summoned to merge souls. 'Mischievous, playful and very loveable' ***** EdFringe Review 'Razor-sharp' ***** The Reviews Hub 'Riotously funny' ***** The Student 'Remarkable' **** The Comic's Comic.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



MARTY GLEESON

(Work in Progress)

Friday 5th June
Albion

Marty Gleeson is an Irish comedian based in London. Winner of the LGBTQ+ New Comedian of the Year 2024 her offbeat, disarming and whimsical performance style has also secured her a spot in this year's Pleasance Comedy Reserve at the Edinburgh 24.

As well previously being selected to perform at the Leicester Square New Comedian of the Year Finals 23 and the BBC New Comedian of the Year Awards 23 she was also voted Funny Women One to Watch 23. She won the Pete Nash Award for Comic Originality 2022 and was a West End New Act of the Year finalist 2022. She has also had viral sketches shared by joe.ie.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9.00 on the door, if available.



KATIE PRITCHARD

Is Sir Elton Scone
(Work in Progress)

Friday 5th June
Jenny Lind

Leicester Comedy Festival Best Variety Show 2025 nominee Katie Pritchard is BACK with her latest ridiculous romp - Sir Elton Scone - he's a bit like Elton John but he just looooves to bake (and for copyright reasons he is also nothing like Elton John). His shoulders are 40inches, his voice could fill 40 stadiums, and this bltch is batch cooking! Expect high-octane musical comedy character madness from this "comedy music powerhouse"***** VoiceMag. "Literally the most hilarious thing in the world"***** Pepper & Salt.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.





FREYA MCGHEE

(Work in Progress)

Friday 5th June
Electric Palace

Freya is using science to try and make her life more successful. Although she only got a 2:2 from the University of Brighton, so perhaps she shouldn't back herself on that ability.

With over 50K followers online and millions of views, her science jokes are quickly becoming a cult favourite.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.



PEAR: 5

(Work in Progress)

Friday 5th June
Stade Hall

Top Ten Best Reviewed of the Edinburgh Fringe 2024 and 2025.

6-foot 7 identical twin sketch comedians Patrick and Hugo McPherson bring the Work-in-Progress for their 2026 Edinburgh show to Hastings Comedy Festival!

Expect chaos, props, chaotic props.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



LACHLAN WERNER

Sleeper Hit
(Work in Progress)

Friday 5th June
Brewing Brothers Courtyard

Is it a live hypnotherapy session? Is it a coven gathering? Is it a series of just upsetting events?

Lachlan Werner is the UK's favourite "zeitgeisty" (★★★★ Guardian) ventriloquist, clown and live artist. But he is also quite a lot of people in one brain. Over 26 years, a lot of people seem to have got lodged, jammed inside Lachlan.

Brew is a small squishy witch, and his best friend, and she believes she can extract, suck out and expel all the other people living inside Lachlan to find out who he really is.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



ROSIE JONES

(Work in Progress)

Friday 5th June
Oscars

Join Rosie Jones, star of Out of Order and Taskmaster UK, as she road-tests new material ahead of her upcoming fringe run. As seen on Live At The Apollo, 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown, and The Last Leg.

'Seldom can an hour in a prick's company have been more enjoyable' - Guardian

'Her jokes are beautifully crafted with no beat wasted and punchlines that take you by surprise' - iTalkTelly.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.





RED RICHARDSON

Friday 5th June
East Hastings Angling Club

Red Richardson is an internationally renowned stand up comedian, writer, and actor. His 'Stay Toxic' videos have well over a hundred million views on Instagram alone and his stand up shows sell out theatres and comedy clubs across the globe. In 2023 his stand up show 'The Best of Red Richardson' sold out the Leicester Square Theatre in under 24 hours. In 2024 Red embarked on his Bugatti live tour, which he took to America and sold out the legendary comedy store in LA twice with venues selling out months in advance and extra shows being added in every city of The UK and Ireland.

8pm. Book online to reserve seat for £15/£17.50 on the door, if available.



AIDAN JONES

Chopin's Nocturne
(Tour Preview)

Friday 5th June
Albion

I grew up playing classical piano, but failed my conservatory audition at 18. After some time focusing on MDMA, I started stand-up in 2011. During the pandemic I came back to the piano and now I've combined them. It's my favourite piece, Chopin's Nocturne in Eb Major, presented with jokes by a bald, Australian dickhead with a beard. Best Comedy Adelaide Fringe Weekly "Sidesplittingly funny," The Guardian "Punchlines that will leave you laughing for days on end.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £12.50/£15 on the door, if available.



KITTYS SALON

Friday 5th June
Jenny Lind

Welcome to the world of Kitty's Salon. A very silly interactive character comedy show. Kitty will be coming down on the Megabus with a load of new treatments and a vanity case full of gossip & gory details.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



KRYSTAL EVANS

I'm Gonna Die in a Ditch (Work in Progress)

Friday 5th June
Electric Palace

Join Krystal as she fingerblasts you into her life and finds out in real time which of her anecdotes are funny and/or interesting. Some of it might be about sex. Some of it might be about divorce. Or why Americans involuntarily get really into the American flag around age 50. And why she might possibly never be let back into her own country.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.





PAT CAHILL

Pat-On-The-Back-
Foot-Forward

Friday 5th June
Stade Hall

Pat Cahill had such a nice time with the folk of Hastings last year he's very happy to be back. Come see a brand new collection of songs gags and maybe dances he's wrangling into a new show, if you like old time daftness, decaffeinated philosophy and stupid musical bits and pieces, then you'll be the right person to see this show.

'The hardest I've laughed at the fringe this year' ★★★★★ Chortle

"A near perfect absurdist hour"
Edfest. 'Wonderfully weird' Guardian.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



RODNEY

Fear of Failure

Friday 5th June
Sugarpie Honeybuns

Fear of failure is a one-man stand-up comedy show from the wickedly funny comedian Rodney Beckford. The show centres on some of his more momentous mistakes, miss steps, errors and short comings. Through personal story telling, anecdotes and out an out joke telling. There's plenty of ground to cover and lots of people, groups and institutions to poke fun at. From his beginnings and childhood in the midlands, he guides us through his adult working life to date and offers up a number of takeaways we might all learn from.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



AYO ADENEKAN

We've Hit the Second Hour
(Work in Progress)

Friday 5th June
Brewing Brothers Courtyard

Fresh from a sold-out Edinburgh Fringe debut, Award winning Comedian Ayo Adenekan brings fresh, new, never heard before jokes to the stage for the first and possibly last time ever! It's gonna be swell!

BBC New Comedy Award
Finalist 2025.

Comedians Choice Award Best
Newcomer nominee 2025.

Best Newcomer at the ISH
Edinburgh Comedy Awards 2025.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



EDD HEDGES

Open Tabs (Work in Progress)

Friday 5th June
Oscars

Fresh from hosting the Apple #1 Comedy and True Crime podcast "Wisecrack" Edd Hedges brings his new hour of stories and jokes to the Leicester comedy festival. Over the last year, Edd has been travelling across America, picking up stories he'd like to tell you and quietly wondering whether you'll find them funny. From appearing at a true crime convention, to receiving a lap dance from a 90-year-old stripper and more places he definitely shouldn't have ended up, this is an hour built from things that actually happened -- or at least felt real at the time.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.





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9:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7/£9 on the door, if available.



KIZZA

Comedy magic show

Thursday 4th June
Brewing Brothers

Amazing audiences from Marrakech to Brussels and beyond, catch this internationally acclaimed magic man doing his funky thing in Hastings. KIZZA is a multi-award winning comedian known for his chaotic magic and incredibly stupid mind-reading routines. Expect stunning how did he do that stuff and big big laughs

WINNER – Best New Act: Bucharest Comedy Festival

WINNER Spirit of the Fringe Award: Colchester Fringe Festival.

10pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



JAZ MATTU

Fights His Audience

Friday 5th June
Electric Palace

In my comedy career, work life, and actual life, people have tried to fight me. Jaz Mattu Fights His Audience is a show about all those moments and how I deal with conflict, wrapped in one absurd, multimedia stand-up experience. Please don't try to fight me during the show. "Truly unique." (ENTERTAINMENT NOW ★★★★★) "Ambitious and innovative." (FEST) "Mattu has a great deal of creativity and ingenuity." (BROADWAY BABY).

10pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10 online/£12.50 on the door, if available.



ADAM FLOOD

Life and Death of the Party

Friday 5th June
Stade Hall

Worlds collide in a death-defying genre mashup: standup & rave. A show about the last night out on earth, performed over beats. 'It shouldn't work, but it absolutely does' - The Metro 'A natural entertainer...one to watch' - The Times 'A multifaceted comedy talent' - The Guardian

Born in Stoke-on-Trent, Adam's debut standup show was released in 2025 by the BBC. In 2026 he ran, sober, full speed into a closed glass door.

10pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



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AFTERNOON OPEN MIC

Saturday 6th June
Ye Olde Pump House

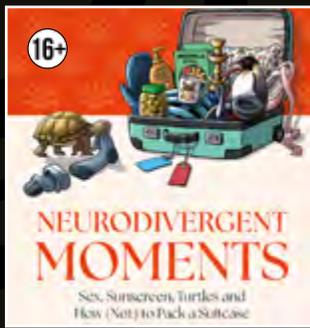
Join us for a friendly, welcoming open mic hosted by members of our brilliant local comedy community.

Open to all abilities – whether it's stand-up, character comedy, spoken word or comedic voices, everyone is welcome. Simply sign up on the day to secure a 5–7 minute slot.

Come along to perform, support local talent, or just enjoy the laughs – no pressure, just good fun.

2:00pm – 4:00pm (with breaks).

FREE ENTRY



JOE WELLS AND ABIGOLIAH SCHAMAUN PRESENT

Neurodivergent Moments

Saturday 6th June
Jenny Lind

A live book reading and discussion from 2 neurodivergent comedians; Abigoliah Schamaun (ADHD, as seen on *Celebrity Pointless* and Joe Wells (autistic, “one of my favourite comics” – Frankie Boyle). Expect cluttered kitchen counters, awkward coworker interactions, trespassing, cheese stealing, tears in the Austrian Alps, burned carpets, mayonnaise, plaque covered teeth, Duck à l’Orange, party poppers and much more as we share some of our favourite “Neurodivergent Moments”.

2:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



THE RH EXPERIENCE

Saturday 6th June
The Piper

Five star comedy group The RH Experience are back! An entirely improvised sketch show, inspired by you. With their unique blend of storytelling and anarchic silliness they have been performing live shows & producing sketches for nearly two decades, and between them have performed at Glastonbury and Latitude Festivals, Edinburgh & Brighton Fringes, and have featured on BBC One, BBC Radio 4 & E4.

“These pioneers of tomfoolery make us laugh to the point of exhaustion” – The405.

2:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



MIKE SHEPHARD AND LUKE CONNELL

Thesaurus Rex

Saturday 6th June
Jenny Lind

Specy wordsmiths Mike Shephard and Luke Connell have been mucking about with the English language for so long, it's high time they found out what it really is. What are the stories behind daft words like helicopter, jacuzzi, and barnet? Mike has written extensively for radio and TV, including *Have I Got News for You* (BBC), *The Reluctant Traveler* (AppleTV+), and BBC Radio 4's *Now Show*, *Museum of Curiosity*, and *The News Quiz*.

3:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.





GIANT STEPS

Saturday 6th June
The Piper

Giant Steps is an improv comedy show with a brilliant live band! Improvisation meets improvisation as top UK comedians and virtuoso jazz musicians inspire each other in real time into leaps of comedy and creativity. Sell out shows at the Edinburgh Fringe and Soho Theatre. Featuring a rotating ensemble of talent from your favourite Fringe improv shows like Showstoppers and Austentatious, plus the cream of the festival music scene, Giant Steps is a one-of-a-kind Fringe experience! 'Seamless silliness' ★★★★★ Reviews Hub 'An absolute must see' ★★★★★ TheatreWeekly.com.

4pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.



ABBIE EDWARDS

Knee Touch

Saturday 6th June
Brewing Brothers Courtyard

It's easy to romanticise a look your friend gives you, but does he really like you? It's easy to catastrophise when he starts seeing someone else, but is it the end of the world? Leicester Square New Comedian of the Year Runner Up Abbie Edwards takes you through her first love and how she almost ruined everything. "Original and compelling" – Chortle "Considerable style" – Beyond The Joke Abbie Edwards is a BBC Introducing Radio 4 Comedy Award and BBC New Comedy nominee. Her stand up has been broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra and BBC Radio Solent.

5pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



STEPHEN CATLING

Clownfish out of Water

Saturday 6th June
Ye Olde Pump House

When clowns can't breathe water and fish can't breathe air- what's a poor clownfish to do in this cruel world? In 2025, Catling (Malcolm Hardee Award Nominee 2023 & 2025) lost his slug mask. It was kinda essential part of his cult hit show 'Moving on...really really slowly.' This time, Stephen explores his life now that Autism has been "unmasked," as well as his fin flapping rage against an increasingly soulless entertainment industry. "Fans of Harry Hill will appreciate the quickfire absurdity of the hour, cascading with daft jokes, preposterous props and manic sound effects." Chortle.

5pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



OLIVER MOORE

Saturday 6th June
Jenny Lind

Hastings Comedy Festival Newcomer Winner 2025.

A stand-up comedy show featuring a wide range of material, from longer routines to short, sharp jokes, with some adult themes. Oliver returns to Hastings Comedy Festival following his win at the Hastings New Act Award 2025, alongside finalist appearances at the Chortle Student Awards and the Hoots Edinburgh New Act Awards.

5pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.





LIL WENKER

Boyking (Work in Progress)

Saturday 6th June
Brewing Brothers Courtyard

ALL HAIL BOYKING! 37 pounds and 3 feet tall, 8 year-old Joffrey (no relation) seeks power at all costs including but not limited to: death, destruction and mayhem. His crown is mighty, his word is law, his favourite snack...Mummy's Milk.

Bow down - this coronation's a killer.

Created by the award-winning performer-director duo Lil Wenker and Cecily Nash.

6:15pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



JAKE BAKER

My Jakey Bakey Heart
(Work in Progress)

Saturday 6th June
Ye Olde Pump House

Masculinity is in crisis! Alpha-Dogs and Macho Maniacs dominate the conversation. But there is another way. Join this award-winning comedian as he presents a more gentle approach to being a chap. 'Thoughtful and very funny!' (List) 'Quietly impressive; a talent that shouldn't be overlooked' (Chortle) 'Endearingly offbeat' ★★★★★ (Ed-Reporter).

6:15pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



PRESIDENT OBONJO

Crowd Work

Saturday 6th June
Jenny Lind

President Obonjo is back in Hastings with his first crowd work show where anything goes the President interrogates his audience for laughs, watch as the President works the room he starts talking to his audience, he chooses who to speak to depending how afraid they look, as he riffs into them, The President is electric on stage and makes the audience feel part of the show. He makes it look effortless.

6:15pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



KARL PORTER AND WHAT?

Saturday 6th June
East Hastings Sea Angling Club

Karl Porter is a Manchester-based comedian, who went viral for his iconic slow-motion goal celebration. Known for his physical comedy and sharp observational humour, Karl brings high-energy storytelling inspired by football culture, everyday life, and modern British absurdities. His natural charisma and crowd-pleasing style make him a standout both online and on stage, Karl was the winner of the King-Gong at The Comedy Store, Up-the-Creek Comedy competition in London, and the recipient of two awards at the 2024 North West Comedy Awards for Social Media Act and Breakthrough Act of the Year.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £15/17.50 on the door, if available. A small number of early bird tickets will be on sale for a limited time.





AALEX MANDEL-DALLAL

Where Was I?

Saturday 6th June
Electric Palace

Moving at the speed of an overthinking mind, Aalex (“a charming humility that ★★★★★ brings the audience together in laughter” - The Student) blends razor-sharp observation with playful absurdity, turning self-exploration into shared relief. This WIP isn’t a guide to fixing your life; it’s a celebration of trying very hard, knowing better, and doing it regardless. 2026 Chortle Hotshot finalist. 2026 Musical Comedy Awards semi-finalist, 2025 Funny Woman Semi-finalist.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.



DOM MCGOVERN

Stuns in New Photo
(Work in Progress)

Saturday 6th June
Brewing Brothers Courtyard

Stuns in New Photo is the work-in-progress show from award-entering comedian Dominic McGovern (Chicken Shop Date co-writer, BBC New Comedy Awards, Melbourne International Comedy Festival).

Join Dom as he refuses to engage with any form of self-acceptance and instead yaps at you for 55 minutes about rock climbing, Miss Piggy, and the TV show Glee.

Tour support for Sophie Duker and Olga Koch.

‘Endlessly entertaining and outrageously funny’ Rolling Stone.

7:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



MIXED BILL SHOWCASE

Comedy in the Studio

Saturday 6th June
White Rock Studio 27

A packed night of comedy featuring some of the best established and emerging acts from across the UK and beyond. Expect a dynamic mix of sharp writing, fresh perspectives and high-energy performances from award-winning comedians and rising stars. It’s the perfect chance to experience a variety of top-quality acts in one exciting evening. A brilliant night out for comedy fans, bringing together exciting talent from across the UK circuit.

8pm -10pm. Book online to reserve seat for £15/£17 on the door, if available. Special programme offer type HASTINGS at checkout for over 15% extra off.



JODIE MITCHELL

(Work in Progress)

Saturday 6th June
Electric Palace

Award-winning Drag King, comedian, writer and podcaster Jodie Mitchell co-founded the queer women, trans, and non binary comedy collective The LOL Word, and writes and performs as their macho Glaswegian alter ego John Travulva with Pecs Drag Kings—winning an Off Broadway Award in 2020. They have appeared on Comedy Central Live and Channel 4’s Jokes Only A Lesbian Can Tell, and served as a writer on Season 3 of Netflix’s Sex Education.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.





EDDY HARE

(Work in Progress)

Saturday 6th June
Brewing Brothers Courtyard

A piping hot work-in-progress stand-up show by Eddy Hare.

“A special talent” Rolling Stone

BBC New Comedy
Award Nominee

★★★★ The Skinny, ★★★★★
Broadway Baby, ★★★★★
One4Review, ★★★★★
Broadway World.

8:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



ADULT PANTO

(Unscripted)

Saturday 6th June
East Hastings Angling Club

Now in its fifth filthy year, The Adult Panto Tour is cumming back to Hastings, and this time, it's totally [UNSCRIPTED]! “Oh yes it f!?!ing is!” This balls-to-the-wall panto smashes in the backdoors of your favourite pantomimes! With every character, scene, and even the title decided live by you, the audience. You're in control, Daddy.

From outrageous characters to downright filthy humour, no two shows are ever the same. ⓑ Strap-on for a wild night of improvised madness, rude songs, and naughty nonsense as we ride you all the way through pantoland - where anything can happen (and probably will!) ⓑ

9pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.



THE LATE SHOW

with Gary Jennison

Saturday 6th June
Electric Palace

Using his sharp wit, Gary Jennison shares his views on a number of trending news, views and mid life with a talk show style and variety comedy show

Expect invites to be guests and engage in candid conversations and who knows, even a late night dance off!

It's the Hastings comedy festivals cult one man show where Gary is all the guests.

10pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.



PAUL MERRYCK

Lager Jus

Saturday 6th June
Brewing Brothers Courtyard

Merryck's back with a new show that, despite the title, has nothing to do with cooking. Just another hour of new jokes and daft stories to cheer you up in these troubled times. Many comedians produce shows with depth and meaning, that slowly reveal some kind of message, and you leave having learned something about the world around you and, perhaps even, yourself. None of that nonsense here. You'll learn nothing and may leave slightly thicker than when you arrived. It's a good laugh though, and goes down well with a pint of chemical Lager or other non-organic beverages.

10pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



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“THE NORMAN AWARD”

Sunday 7th June The Piper

10 exciting emerging comedians will battle it out on stage in an afternoon of killer stand-up comedy, hosted by the brilliant Barry Ferns (Angel Comedy Club London) Join us at The Piper in St Leonards on Sunday 7th June 2026 to see who claims the crown and dons the legendary 1066 battle helmet!

3 Special guest judges and festival directors Chris and Jake will be on hand to help decide the winner.

1:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £5/£6.50 on the door, if available.



MADAME CHANDELIER

Grand Theft Opera

Sunday 7th June Jenny Lind

When Madame Chandelier’s daughter gets sucked into her video game and is kidnapped by the evil Queen of the Night, there’s only one thing to do – gather opera’s fiercest characters for an epic boss battle. Will Carmen, Tosca, and Madame Butterfly help defeat the ultimate boss, or will all arias lead to death? Fun for the whole family! **** “Expert Timing” The Guardian **** “A true diva... phenomenal. Madame Chandelier could be the ticket that opens up opera to new audiences” Broadway Baby. All ages/family friendly show.

1:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



CK NATH

A Bit of Foreign Stuff
(Work in Progress)

Sunday 7th June Jenny Lind

High energy and full of bite! Join CK as she takes you through her upbringing in India, finding herself in the UK and the hilarious joyous moments of culture clash. Blending sharp stand-up, vivid storytelling, and cheeky character work as she channels the conservative Indian mother as easily as a middle class British granny. CK Nath is a finalist of West End New Old Act; So You Think You’re Funny? and Komedica New Comedy Award semi-finalist.

2:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



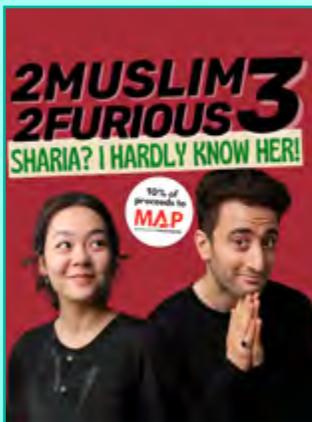
DANE BUCKLEY

Sunday 7th June Sugarpie Honeybuns

Dane Buckley is a fast-rising stand-up sensation and co-host of ‘Welcome To Hell’ podcast. Join him as he tries out some brand new jokes. The world’s only Irish, Indian, gay comedian... probably. Dane delivers his comedy effortlessly with cheeky charm and camp mischief. He has supported Tom Allen and Rosie Jones on tour, performed on Comedy Central, BBC Three, BBC One and was a finalist for BBC New Comedy Awards (2024) and British Comedian of the Year (2024).

2:45pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.





2 MUSLIM 2 FURIOUS 3

Sharia? I Hardly Know Her

Sunday 7th June
Ritual

Tired of being called terrorists, Aisha and Hasan became something worse: comedians! After back-to-back sell-out runs, featuring on BBC R4, and raising over £8000 for Medical Aid for Palestinians, the Islamic double-act return! Join Aisha Amanduri and Hasan Al-Habib for gameshows and prizes, leaked footage of their Riyadh Comedy Festival audition, and the answer to the ultimate question: did the Queen SECRETLY convert to Islam?!

10% of all proceeds donated to MAP.

3:15pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



KATE CHEKA

The Last Funny Woman

Sunday 7th June
Sugarpie Honeybuns

Last year Kate (BBC Radio 4's The News Quiz, The Naked Week, The Guilty Feminist) attempted to save the world or as The Guardian put it 'political comedy may yet have found its new messiah.' Now she thinks perhaps it is time to burn it all down. Everything is falling apart. What does it mean to be a good time girl (and a feminist) in the midst of an apocalypse?

Expect stories about the farmer she could have married, an awards ceremony after party, appearing on BBC Radio 4 and Berlin STI tests interspersed with razor sharp political comedy on colonialism and the rise of fascism.

4pm. Book online to reserve seat for £7.50/£9 on the door, if available.



ALI BRICE

This is the Way we Brush our Teeth

Sunday 7th June
Jenny Lind

Like smiling. But only when I'm unaware of it. If you know you're smiling, you're doing it wrong. Unless you're looking at a camera. Or a dentist. I hope this show makes you smile without realising it. That would make me smile. That'd be nice. It'll be chaotic, heartfelt and silly. Hopefully. See you there. Cheeeeeeeeeeeeeeee! **** 'comic genius' Skinny **** 'Ali Brice is funny' List **** 'the most entertaining experience I enjoyed at the Fringe' EdFringeReview **** 'a show like no other' Chortle **** 'a clever, offbeat talent with an appealing penchant for taking risks' Beyond The Joke.

4pm. Book online to reserve seat for £6.50/£8 on the door, if available.



SAM NICORESTI

Baby Doomer

Sunday 7th June
Ritual

A glistening diamond hour of stand-up from "delusional trans comedian" Sam Nicoresti about love, insanity, and the hunt for the perfect skirt suit. Following a critical maelstrom of success at the Edinburgh Fringe, and three weeks of sold-out performances at London's Soho Theatre, Sam finally brings an extended and revamped version of her breakout hit show Baby Doomer to the great unwashed (i.e. goes on tour). From getting stuck in a dress in a TK Maxx to finding love between the standing stones of Cornwall, through sperm banks, Lord of the Rings figurines, and queer cat names.

4:15pm. Book online to reserve seat for £10/£12.50 on the door, if available.





BARRY FERNS

My 7 Years as Lionel Richie

Sunday 7th June

Ritual

The Edinburgh 2025 sell out show, in the top 25 best reviewed shows of the Edinburgh. The new show from Barry Ferns about being a stand-up comedian since the age of 15, the Edinburgh Fringe, going from being homeless to being offered half a million pounds as a TV presenter and living seven years of your life as the Grammy award-winning artist, Lionel Richie. Nominated for best new show at Leicester Comedy Festival, 2025.

5:30pm. Book online to reserve seat for £8.50/£10 on the door, if available.

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SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 7PM
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MONDAY 1ST JUNE

The Printworks	7:30pm	TEZ ILYAS	(Work in Progress)
The St Leonard	7:30pm	DARREN WALSH	New Puns
The Printworks	8:45pm	LARA RICOTE	(Work in Progress)
The St Leonard	9pm	RUBY CARR	Bite Me

TUESDAY 2ND JUNE

Observer Building	7:30pm	RHYS JAMES	(Work in Progress)
The Piper	7:30pm	LOU WALL	(Work in Progress)
The St Leonard	7:30pm	SPRING DAY	My Name is Spring Day and Other Stupid Facts (Work in Progress)
Observer Building	8:45pm	MAISIE ADAM	-
The St Leonard	9pm	TEZ ILYAZ	(Work in Progress)
The Piper	9pm	JOEY PAGE	We would all be ok with the end of the world if only they'd give us the date (Work in Progress)

WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE

Albion	7:30pm	MATT RICHARDSON AND ESTHER MANITO SHARE AN HOUR	-
Jenny Lind	7:30pm	CLAIRE VOYANT	Please Don't Eat The Props (Work in Progress)
Ye Olde Pump House	7:30pm	SUE HICKS	So.Sue.Me.
French's	7:30pm	SAM COADE	Birth of the Fool (Work in Progress)
The Piper	7:30pm	ALI WOODS	(Work in Progress)
Oscars	7:30pm	TADIWA MAHLUNGE	Hakuna Ma Tad Tad
Albion	8:45pm	MICHAEL AKADIRI	Don't Call Me Uncle! (Tour Preview)
Jenny Lind	8:45pm	ALEX KITSON	It's For You
Ye Olde Pump House	8:45pm	CURRER BALL	The Neighbours (Work in Progress)
French's	8:45pm	MICKY OVERMAN	-
The Piper	8:45pm	JODY KAMALI	Barbecue (Work in Progress)
Oscars	9pm	TONY LAW	Behavin Haven
Albion	10pm	RUSSELL HICKS	The America Ground is Mine!



THURSDAY 4TH JUNE

Albion	7:30pm	AARON SIMMONDS	Death
Jenny Lind	7:30pm	MAIA TASSALINI	I Was 22 and Stunning (Work in Progress)
Ye Olde Pump House	7:30pm	ANNA SODEN	It Comes Out Your Bum
French's	7:30pm	DIANE SPENCER	Diane Spencer Coming Together
The Piper	7:30pm	MARK THOMAS	-
Oscars	7:30pm	ERIKA EHLER	(Work in Progress)
Albion	8:45pm	JOSH BAULF	(Work in Progress)
Jenny Lind	8:45pm	NATHAN CASSIDY	Ewww!
Ye Olde Pump House	8:45pm	TREVOR BICKLES	Where to Guv?
French's	8:45pm	BEN VAN DER VELDE	Van der Laugh Generator
Oscars	8:45pm	FAB GOUALIN	(Work in Progress)
The Piper	9pm	MILO EDWARDS	(Work in Progress)
Frenchs	10pm	RIVER	Love, Peace & Chicken Grease
Albion	10pm	THE SECRET SHOW	-

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

White Rock Hotel	7:30pm	SPEECHLESS IMPROV	-
Sugarpie Honeybuns	7:30pm	SARAH ROBERTS	Scary Movie 7 (Work in Progress)
Albion	7:30pm	MARTY GLEESON	(Work in Progress)
Jenny Lind	7:30pm	KATIE PRITCHARD	Is Sir Elton Scone (Work in Progress)
Electric Palace	7:30pm	FREYA MCGHEE	(Work in Progress)
Stade Hall	7:30pm	PEAR: 5	(Work in Progress)
Brewing Brothers Courtyard	7:30pm	LACHLAN WERNER	Sleeper Hit (Work in Progress)
Oscars	7:30pm	ROSIE JONES	(Work in Progress)
East Hastings Angling Club	8pm	RED RICHARDSON	-
Albion	8:45pm	AIDAN JONES	Chopin's Nocturne (Tour Preview)
Jenny Lind	8:45pm	KITTYS SALON	-
Electric Palace	8:45pm	KRYSTAL EVANS	I'm Gonna Die in a Ditch (Work in Progress)
Oscars	8:45pm	EDD HEDGES	Open Tabs (Work in Progress)
Stade Hall	8:45pm	PAT CAHILL	Pat-On-The-Back-Foot-Forward
Sugarpie Honeybuns	8:45pm	RODNEY	Fear of Failure
Brewing Brothers Courtyard	8:45pm	AYO ADENEKAN	We've Hit the Second hour (Work in Progress)
East Hastings Angling Club	9:30pm	THE SECRET SHOW 2	-
Electric Palace	10pm	JAZ MATTU	Fights His Audience
Stade Hall	10pm	ADAM FLOOD	Life and Death of the Party
Brewing Brothers Courtyard	10pm	KIZZA	Comedy magic show



SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

Ye Olde Pump House	2-4pm	AFTERNOON OPEN MIC	-
Jenny Lind	2:30pm	JOE WELLS AND ABIGOLIAH SCHAMAUN PRESENT	Neurodivergent Moments
The Piper	2:30pm	THE RH EXPERIENCE	-
Jenny Lind	3:45pm	MIKE SHEPHARD AND LUKE CONNELL	Thesaurus Rex
The Piper	4pm	GIANT STEPS	-
Brewing Brothers Courtyard	5pm	ABBIE EDWARDS	Knee Touch
Ye Olde Pump House	5pm	STEPHEN CATLING	Clownfish out of Water
Jenny Lind	5pm	OLIVER MOORE	-
Brewing Brothers Courtyard	6:15pm	LIL WENKER	Boyking (Work in Progress)
Ye Olde Pump House	6:15pm	JAKE BAKER	My Jakey Bakey Heart (Work in Progress)
Jenny Lind	6:15pm	PRESIDENT OBONJO	Crowd Work
Electric Palace	7:30pm	AALEX MANDEL-DALLAL	Where Was I?
Brewing Brothers Courtyard	7:30pm	DOM MCGOVERN	Stuns in New Photo (Work in Progress)
East Hastings Sea Angling Club	7:30pm	KARL PORTER	And What?
Electric Palace	8:45pm	JODIE MITCHELL	(Work in Progress)
Brewing Brothers Courtyard	8:45pm	EDDY HARE	(Work in Progress)
East Hastings Angling Club	9pm	ADULT PANTO	(Unscripted)
Electric Palace	10pm	GARY JENNISON	The Late Show
Brewing Brothers Courtyard	10pm	PAUL MERRYCK	Lager Jus

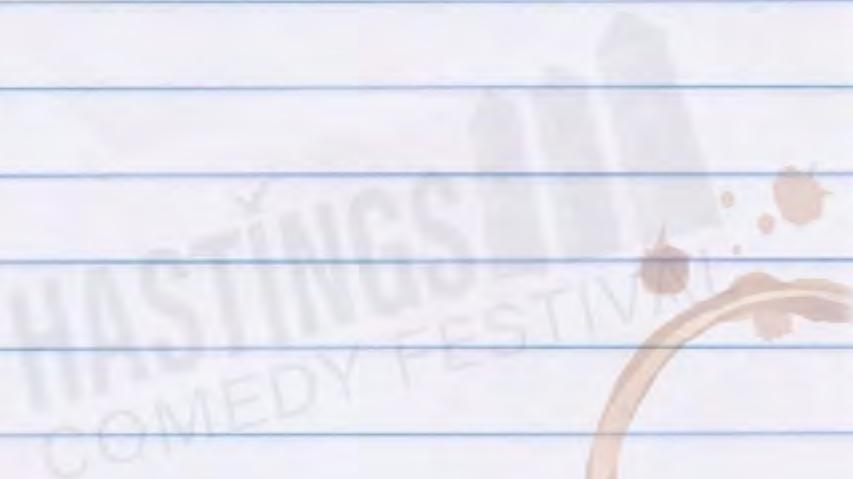
SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

The Piper	1:30pm	Newcomer of the Year award 2026 "The Norman Award"	
Jenny Lind	1:30pm	MADAME CHANDELIER	Grand Theft Opera
Jenny Lind	2:45pm	CK NATH	A Bit of Foreign Stuff (Work in Progress)
Sugarpie Honeybuns	2:45pm	DANE BUCKLEY	-
Ritual	3pm	2 MUSLIM 2 FURIOUS 3	Sharia? I Hardly Know Her
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Frenchs
24 Robertson St, Hastings TN34 1HL - **Wednesday and Thursday.**

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White Rock, Hastings TN34 1JX - **Saturday.**

White Rock Hotel
White Rock, Hastings TN34 1JX - **Friday.**

The Piper
1 Norman Rd, Saint Leonards-on-sea TN37 6NH
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

The St Leonard
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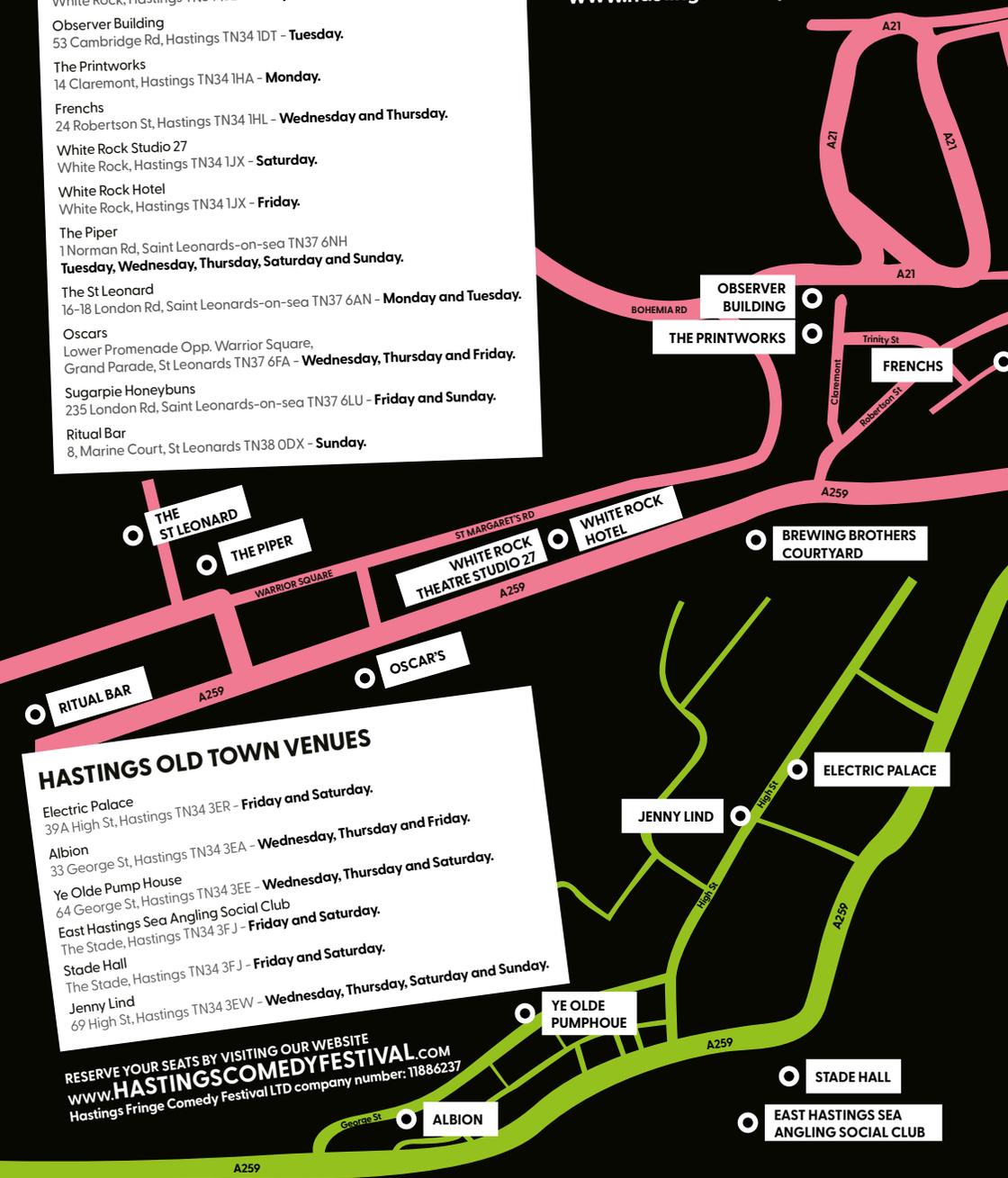
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64 George St, Hastings TN34 3EE - **Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.**

East Hastings Sea Angling Social Club
The Stade, Hastings TN34 3FJ - **Friday and Saturday.**

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