

THE COMEDY ZONE

LUCY BEAUMONT, TOMMY ROWSON, CARL HUTCHINSON, MATT WINNING

The Fringe's longest-running and most prestigious showcase is back for its 23rd year. The Comedy Zone has helped launch the careers of RUSSELL HOWARD, AL MURRAY, RUSSELL KANE, DAVE GORMAN, FRANKIE BOYLE, HARRY HILL, NOEL FIELDING, JON RICHARDSON and CHRIS ADDISON.

This year's line-up are four of the best, new, critically acclaimed stand ups on the circuit: LUCY BEAUMONT; winner of the 2012 *BBC New Comedy Award*, 2013 *Chortle Award* winner for Best Newcomer, star of *Live At The Electric* (BBC Three), CARL HUTCHINSON; winner of the *Magners Pub Comedian of the Year* and *Beat the Frog World Series*, finalist of *So You Think You're Funny?* and *Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year Award* nominee, TOMMY ROWSON; 2011 *So You Think You're Funny* winner, *BBC New Comedy Award* finalist and MATT WINNING; winner of *Hilarity Bites New Act of the Year* 2011 and finalist of the *BBC New Comedy Award*.

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What the press has said about The Comedy Zone:

"Comedy's finest new additions" **Observer**

"The Fringe's leading stand-up showcase" **The Times**

What the press has said about this year's line-up:

LUCY: *"A star is born"* **Steve Bennett, Chortle**

MATT: *"A Scottish Milton Jones... so well done and over the top that the audience are pulled into his world"* **Festival Journal**

TOMMY: *"A distinctive voice. This Welsh weirdo creates a quirky, oddball world - but one with which the rest of us can still easily identify. The anecdotes are full of detailed aside and delivery with perfectly-judged timing"* **Steve Bennett, Chortle**

CARL: *"An absolute must...blew the roof off...the next big thing"* **The Skinny**

LISTINGS INFORMATION

The Comedy Zone

Venue: Cabaret Bar, Pleasance
Date: 3rd Aug - 25th Aug
Time: 10:45pm
Box Office: 0131 226 0000

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AVALON PROMOTIONS

Avalon is one of the leading promoters of live comedy in the UK. Recent highlights include: RUSSELL HOWARD performing to over 240,000 fans with sell-out tour Right Here, Right Now; AL MURRAY's twice extended show Al Murray The Pub Landlord The Only Way Is Epic, including two dates at the Queen's Theatre, London; Edinburgh Comedy Award and the Barry Award winning RUSSELL KANE's new tour Posturing Delivery; RICHARD HERRING returning to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe for his 25th year; DAVE GORMAN's Barry Award nominated sell-out tour Powerpoint Presentation; GREG DAVIES's Edinburgh Comedy Award nominated, triple-extended, 109 date sell-out show Firing Cheeseballs at a Dog and new tour The Back of My Mum's Head, including two dates at the Hammersmith Apollo; LEE NELSON's sell-out date at the IndigO2 with Lee Nelson Live; ROB DELANEY selling out his UK debut London run at Soho Theatre in one hour from a single tweet; U.S.'s number one podcasting comedian PAUL F. TOMPKINS playing the UK for the first time at London's Soho Theatre.