

AVALON ANNOUNCE

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE LINE-UP FOR 2013

Thursday, 9th May 2013

Avalon announce the full line-up for their 25th year at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, with the chance to see: limited runs from established and award-winning comics DAVID BADDIEL, JENNY ECLAIR, LEE NELSON and RUSSELL KANE; special one-off performances from AL MURRAY and CHRIS RAMSEY's sold-out tours; fresh from the states and at the festival for the first time, ROB DELANEY; and a host of debut shows, musical, sketch and political comedy for a jam-packed 25th anniversary at the Fringe.

Tickets for all shows are available to buy from today on www.edinburghsbestcomedy.com.

During the last 25 years, Avalon has promoted more *Edinburgh Comedy Award* winners and nominees than any other company including: CHRIS ADDISON, GREG DAVIES, DAVE GORMAN, HARRY HILL, RUSSELL HOWARD, RUSSELL KANE, THE MIGHTY BOOSH, AL MURRAY, KRISTEN SCHAAL & KURT BRAUNOHLER and FRANK SKINNER and two of only three female winners of the prestigious *Edinburgh Comedy Award*; JENNY ECLAIR and LAURA SOLON.

Avalon's full line-up for 2013 includes:

AL MURRAY THE PUB LANDLORD - The Only Way is Epic

AL MURRAY THE PUB LANDLORD - The Pub Landlord's Compete for The Haggis Independence Special!

ALEX HORNE - Lies

CARL DONNELLY - Now That's What I Carl Donnelly! Volume V

CARL HUTCHINSON - All the Rage

THE COMEDY ZONE

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DAVID BADDIEL - Fame: Not the Musical

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PAUL McCaffrey - Name in Lights

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RICHARD HERRING - We're All Going To Die!

ROB DELANEY - Live

RUSSELL KANE - Smallness

TOM CRAINE - Crying On A Waltzer

WITTANK - presents The School

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AL MURRAY THE PUB LANDLORD - The Only Way is Epic

"Wickedly witty stuff"
The Daily Telegraph



Back by popular demand Britain's favourite pub philosopher returns to Edinburgh, with his critically acclaimed, sell-out show, The Only Way Is Epic for two nights only. In this phenomenally successful stand up show, The Guv serves up his premier brew of satirical genius and hilarious bar-room buffoonery against the backdrop of a nation on its knees. It's not just a show... it's a national pep talk. Get your orders in now!

AL MURRAY THE PUB LANDLORD - The Pub Landlord's Compete for The Haggis Independence Special!

"Murray's interaction with his crowd remains one of the wonders of the comedy world"
The Times



For one night only the ultimate pub quiz is back! Featuring The Pub Landlord's new comedy character Barry Braveheart, there will be Scots trivia and stuffed guts to be won! All in aid of CamKids.

ALEX HORNE - Lies

"A beguiling blend of the smart and the stupid. . . a real delight"
Sunday Times



The 30 year old multi-*Bafta* award-winning stand up and platinum-selling R&B artist ALEX HORNE is back with an hour of observations, impressions and lies. Best known for mind-blowing Powerpoint or live music, this show has neither; just ALEX, a panda, some jokes and some lies. Although one of those may also be a lie. Or a joke. Either way, it'll be funny. Honest.

CARL DONNELLY - Now That's What I Carl Donnelly! Volume V

"Gripping, unmissable stand-up"
The Guardian



Join *Edinburgh Comedy Award* nominee CARL DONNELLY (who you may have seen on such shows as Mock The Week (BBC Two) Russell Howard's Good News (BBC Three) and Dave's One Night Stand) for a brand new hour of hilarious anecdotes and observations on the current state of affairs and his plans on how we should be dealing with it.

CARL HUTCHINSON - All The Rage

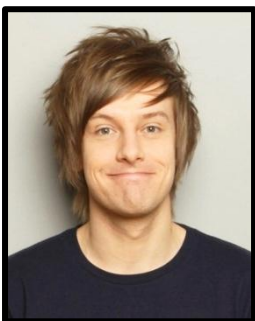
★★★★★
Three Weeks



Off-stage CARL is a polite, well-mannered guy who keeps himself to himself. On-stage, CARL is unafraid. Quite often he just can't help himself when reacting to annoying people or difficult situations. Last year, he decided he wanted to see what life would be like living like his on-stage persona. This newly liberated CARL let loose and found himself getting into a variety of confrontations. He found that he really enjoyed himself. One year later, which CARL remains? Was it a fully-fledged transformation or a one-off experiment?

CHRIS RAMSEY - Feeling Lucky

"Stand-up gold"
The Guardian



Following his four times extended sell-out tour, star of Celebrity Juice (ITV 2) and BBC Two's Hebburn brings his critically acclaimed show to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe for three nights only.

How did we get here? Elaborately laid plan, or just pure fluke? Who knows... do you feel lucky? Perhaps you should.

THE COMEDY ZONE

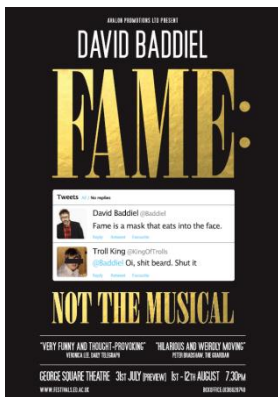
"The Fringe's leading stand-up showcase"
The Times



Launching new comedians for 23 years, the Fringe's most prestigious and longest running showcase is back. The Comedy Zone has launched the careers of DAVE GORMAN, HARRY HILL, RUSSELL HOWARD, AL MURRAY, STEWART LEE, FRANKIE BOYLE, CHRIS ADDISON, ROSS NOBLE, JOHN OLIVER, RUSSELL KANE, MARK LAMAAR, JULIAN BARRATT, CHRIS RAMSEY and many more, this year's acts tipped for the top are: LUCY BEAUMONT, CARL HUTCHINSON, TOMMY ROWSON and MATT WINNING.

DAVID BADDIEL - Fame: Not the Musical

"Hilarious and weirdly moving"
Guardian



Fame: we're obsessed with it, but who will talk honestly about what it's really like? DAVID BADDIEL, in his first full Edinburgh show for 15 years, does. From accidentally stealing the spotlight at Russell Brand's wedding, to realising Andrew Lloyd Webber thinks he's Ben Elton, DAVID BADDIEL examines his strange relationship with the New Lad / Token Jew / comedy rock'n'roller / football singer-songwriter persona he's co-existed with for 20 years.

GARETH RICHARDS - Gareth Goes Electric

"A delightful hour of comedy"
The Guardian



GARETH always dreamt of playing the Albert Hall just like his hero, the singer, songwriter and weirdo Bob Dylan. In 2011, he got that opportunity. However, the act he was supporting was not Bob Dylan, but Englebert Humperdinck. GARETH couldn't say no. He should have. Join GARETH, for his brand new show of songs and jokes about wanting to be like Bob Dylan not Englebert Humperdinck. GARETH is set to star in Live at the Electric (BBC Three).

GRÁINNE MAGUIRE - One Hour All Night Election Special

"Excellent"

★★★★

Chortle



Sad there's no big election this year? Me too. Join GRAINNE as she condenses all the fun of staying up late to watch democracy in process. Expect needlessly complicated graphics, politicians dancing awkwardly and humiliated grownups trying not to cry in public. There will be Swingometers...

Fresh from supporting ROB DELANEY, you may have heard GRAINNE on BBC Radio 4's Now Show and An Idiot's Guide. Or not. We all have busy lives.

HELEN O'BRIEN - Bronagh's Big Weekend

"Clear, pure storytelling... I enjoyed every moment."

Snipe



It's 1987. Bronagh is becoming a teenager, competing in the Irish Dancing Championships and being a bridesmaid at her cousin's wedding. This is a one-woman comedy show about awkward names, ra-ra skirts, bad haircuts and a mad weekend in a mad family. Written and performed by *BBC New Comedy Award* winner and *Funny Women* finalist HELEN O'BRIEN.

THE HORNE SECTION - Live in a Cow

"We can't recommend *The Horne Section* highly enough – it's simply the best late-night show at the festival and a gigantic heap of fun."

Time Out



Rolling into Edinburgh with a brand new barnstorming show, THE HORNE SECTION will yet again provide the festival's best musical mayhem. Top comedians plus amazing performers combine to make this an unmissable show.

Fresh from their second BBC Radio 4 series, the first band to ever host Never Mind The Buzzcocks (BBC Two) are this year rocking an enormous cow. Be there.

THE HORNE SECTION - The Horne Section's Family Bash

"Real talent and tight planning make this a toe-tapping and uproarious cabaret affair,"

★★★★

The List



Five ridiculously talented musicians, one award-winning comedian and an audience of all ages - this is going to be fun. Expect toe-tapping tunes, stupid jokes and some general melodious chaos. Everyone's welcome!

If you have kids, a sense of humour or you just enjoy watching brilliant musicians being made to do extraordinary things, this is the show for you.

IAIN STIRLING - At Home

"One of the best joke writers on the circuit"

GQ



IAIN STIRLING is a BAFTA-nominated presenter, a *Chortle*-nominated comedian and he is home. The Edinburgh born comic completely sold-out his debut hour last year. Now, having bought a house with his girlfriend IAIN explores the dichotomy of emotions you experience when making a commitment to "the one". How can a decision that comes from a place of love and commitment lead to such fear and uncertainty?

JENNY ECLAIR - Eclairious

"Ruthlessly funny"

The Times



Catch her while she still can! JENNY is enormously pleased to be back in Edinburgh, despite the fact that doing stand-up gives her varicose veins and the damp makes her fungal, all support gratefully received. ECLAIR has been doing Edinburgh since you lot were in nappies, *Perrier* Winner 1995, Grumpy Old Woman, ex Loose Woman and novelist, JENNY was recently described as 'The Earl Grey Jaeger Bomb' of the Melbourne International Comedy festival. Not for the lily-livered (or children)!

JIGSAW - Jiggle It

"Makes the Fast Show look languid"
Guardian



After two sell-out shows, Live At The Electric (BBC Three), and their own BBC Radio 4 series DAN ANTOPOLSKI (*Triple Perrier Nominee*), TOM CRAINE (used to date NAT) and NAT LUURTSEMA (used to date TOM) bring a third hour of blisteringly fast, silly sketches.

Listed in GQ's 'Top 100 Things In The World!'.

JIMMY MCGHIE - Delusions of Candour

"Scathingly funny well-observed stuff, McGhie is the perfect comedy package."
The Scotsman



Painfully brilliant, pathologically charming and frequently deluded JIMMY MCGHIE slinks back to Edinburgh after bunking last year. After performing to great acclaim all over the world from Mumbai to Melbourne, JIMMY returns to Edinburgh with more soulful and searingly honest stand-up.

As everybody around him pops out babies and leaps up property ladders, JIMMY wanders aimlessly, looking at things and getting annoyed.

LEE NELSON

"Never lost for words, never less than ingenious..."
The Times



Star of Lee Nelson's Well Funny People, (BBC Three) Lee Nelson's Well Good Show (BBC Three) and host of Live at the Apollo (BBC One), LEE NELSON brings his unique brand of character comedy to Scottyland.

As well as LEE's legendary audience interaction, you'll be treated to appearances from several of his alter egos including Premier League footballer **Jason Bent**.

MARK SMITH - The Most Astonishing Name in Comedy

"One to watch"
The Independent



Elderly child MARK SMITH (Russell Howard's Good News (BBC Three) and supported RUSSELL KANE on tour) presents his hotly anticipated debut stand-up hour. Expect laughs/fun/the death of an audience member (delete as applicable). Out of the vast number of stand-up shows at this year's fringe, this is the ONLY one to be at this particular venue at this exact time. Come along to be in with a chance!

MATT FORDE - The Political Party with Matt Forde

"A first class comic"
The Guardian



A raucous hour of satirical stand-up, politics has never been so entertaining. As seen on Have I Got News For You (BBC One) and Russell Howard's Good News (BBC Three). As heard on The Now Show and The News Quiz (BBC Radio 4), 5Live and talkSPORT. MATT also writes for 8 Out of 10 Cats, (Channel 4) The Last Leg (Channel 4) and Russell Howard's Good News (BBC Three).

PAUL MCCAFFREY - Name in Lights

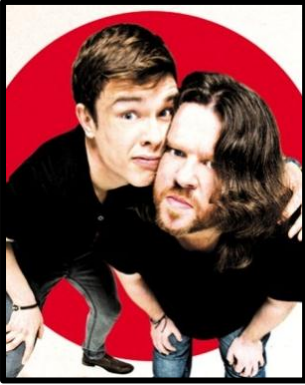
"He has charm, charisma and success written all over him"
Evening Standard



Star of Impractical Jokers (BBC Three) and seen on Russell Howard's Good News (BBC Three). A new hour of top drawer, anecdotal stand-up comedy. Warm and cheeky wit with likeability in bucket loads.

PEACOCK & GAMBLE - Heart-throbs

"A hugely entertaining double act"
The Independent



After inexplicably failing to get famous in the UK for three years, triple *Chortle Award* nominees (2011, 2012, 2013) PEACOCK & GAMBLE have even more inexplicably become all famous in Japan. Yes! No messing - your favourite lovely little smashers RAY & ED return to the Fringe in triumph, to shout their way through another knockabout hour of electrifying stupidity.

PHIL WANG - Anti-Hero



Winner of the *Chortle Student Comedian of the Year Award* and *Comedy Central's Funniest Student Award*, PHIL WANG presents his first grown-up hour of stand-up comedy.

A collection of sharp observations and curious opinions, told with undue confidence. Prepare to meet the biggest Wang in comedy. As seen on The Rob Brydon Show (BBC Two), and BBC Three at the Fringe (BBC Three).

RICHARD HERRING - We're All Going To Die!

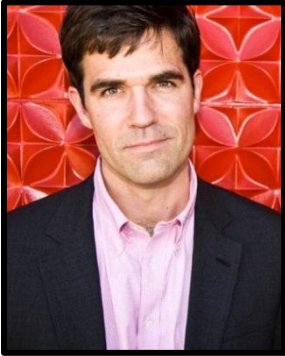
"A solid hour of big laughs"
Chortle



After sorting out politics (Hitler Moustache), religion (Christ on a Bike), love (What is Love, Anyway?) and penises (Talking Cock) HERRING'S tenth consecutive stand-up show tackles the undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveller returns (apart from Jesus and that canoe bloke). Is death a tragedy or an excuse to have an extended lie-in? Are we snuffed out or forced to endure eternity without bodily pleasures? Death is inevitable, so let's laugh in its face while our hearts still beat and our jaws are still attached.

ROB DELANEY - Live

"Like Louis CK and Chris Rock... Delaney's delivery is fast but brilliantly structured"
The Guardian



At the festival for two nights only, ROB DELANEY with his Soho Theatre debut last year sold out in one hour, after just one tweet from the man himself, making him the fastest selling US performer in the venue's history. With close to one million followers, he has been named 'Funniest Person on Twitter' and is known as one of America's most brilliant stand-ups, a regular at the top US comedy venues, and for appearances on shows such as Jimmy Kimmel Live! and Conan.

RUSSELL KANE - Smallness

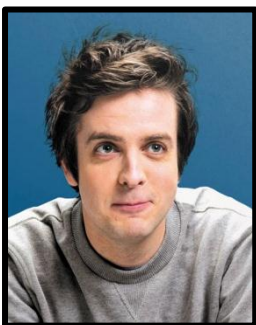
"A seriously good comedian."
The Times



What is it with us and smallness? We Brits love it - being tiny but fierce, close but distant. This Jedward-haired award-winning twat is the same, and he returns with a new blisteringly big-small show. Watch him ejaculate thoughts about smallness; on keeping things small when life gets big.

TOM CRAINE - Crying On A Waltzer

"Wise, funny, lyrical"
Observer



New stand-up show from JIGSAW's TOM CRAINE, about being best friends with your ex, getting caught in gangland shootouts, eating off Margaret Thatcher's face and other decisions. As seen on Russell Howard's Good News (BBC Three), Live At The Electric (BBC Three), Fake Reaction (ITV2), Great British Stories: Glastonbury (BBC One), Bitesize History (BBC Two), JIGSAW's BBC Radio 4 series and a regular on The Josh Widdicombe show (XFM), writer for Mock The Week (BBC Two) and The Last Leg With Adam Hills (Channel 4).

WITTANK presents The School

"Impressively sharp. Expect big things."
Sunday Times



Eminently silly sketch outfit WITTANK (BBC Three's Live at the Electric and BBC Radio 4's Sketchorama) invite you into the charmingly warped world of The School: a deranged and archaic institution with a dizzying array of loveable eccentrics, diabolical lunatics and malevolent buffoons.

So tuck your shirt in, sit up straight, keep off the grass, don't answer back and enjoy the show. Welcome to boarding school.

SHOW DETAILS

Show	Show Name	Venue	Time
AL MURRAY THE PUB LANDLORD <i>16th Aug & 17th Aug</i>	The Only Way is Epic	McEwan Hall Underbelly	7.00pm
AL MURRAY THE PUB LANDLORD <i>17th Aug</i>	The Pub Landlord's Compete for The Haggis Independence Special!	Wine Bar Gilded Balloon	11.15pm
ALEX HORNE <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	Lies	Pleasance Two Pleasance Courtyard	8.30pm
CARL DONNELLY <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug (not 14th Aug)</i>	Now That's What I Carl Donnelly! Volume V	Upstairs Pleasance	8.30pm
CARL HUTCHINSON <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	All the Rage	Clover Underbelly	9.30pm
CHRIS RAMSEY <i>23rd, 24th & 25th Aug</i>	Feeling Lucky	McEwan Hall Underbelly	7.00pm

THE COMEDY ZONE <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	The Comedy Zone	Cabaret Bar Pleasance	10.45pm
DAVID BADDIEL <i>1st Aug – 11th Aug</i>	Fame: Not the Musical	George Square Theatre Assembly	7.30pm
GARETH RICHARDS <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	Gareth Goes Electric	THAT Pleasance	8.15pm
GRÁINNE MAGUIRE <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i> <i>(not 16th Aug)</i>	One Hour All Night Election Special	Wee Coe Underbelly	2.45pm
HELEN O'BRIEN <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	Bronagh's Big Weekend	Cellar Pleasance	12.50pm
THE HORNE SECTION <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	Live in a Cow	Udderbelly Underbelly	10.30pm
THE HORNE SECTION <i>6th Aug – 10th Aug</i>	The Horne Section's Family Bash	Udderbelly Underbelly	10.10am
IAIN STIRLING <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	At Home	Beside Pleasance	7.30pm
JENNY ECLAIR <i>3rd Aug – 17th Aug</i>	Eclairious	Debating Hall Gilded Balloon	7.30pm
JIGSAW <i>3rd Aug – 26th Aug</i>	Jiggle It	Upstairs Pleasance	4.45pm
JIMMY McGHIE <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	Delusions of Candour	Beside Pleasance	8.40pm

LEE NELSON <i>12th Aug – 24th Aug</i>	Lee Nelson	George Square Theatre Assembly	7.30pm
MARK SMITH <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	The Most Astonishing Name in Comedy	Bunker Pleasance	9.35pm
MATT FORDE <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug (not 16th Aug)</i>	The Political Party with Matt Forde	Ace Dome Pleasance	4.00pm
PAUL McCAFFREY <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	Name in Lights	THIS Pleasance	8.30pm
PEACOCK & GAMBLE <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	Heart-throbs	Below Pleasance	9.45pm
PHIL WANG <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	Anti-Hero	Bunker Pleasance	5.50pm
RICHARD HERRING <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	We're All Going To Die!	Beyond Pleasance	8.00pm
ROB DELANEY <i>20th Aug & 21st Aug</i>	Live	McEwan Hall Underbelly	7.00pm
RUSSELL KANE <i>11th Aug – 15th Aug & 18th Aug – 22nd Aug</i>	Smallness	THAT Pleasance	9.30pm
TOM CRAINE <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	Crying On A Waltzer	Bunker Pleasance	8.20pm
WITTANK <i>3rd Aug – 25th Aug</i>	presents The School	Above Pleasance	6.20pm

Notes to the Editor:

Avalon Edinburgh Comedy Award winners include:

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1991 – FRANK SKINNER

1995 – JENNY ECLAIR

1999 – AL MURRAY

2001 – GARTH MARENGHI (MATTHEW HOLNESS, RICHARD AYOADE)

2005 – LAURA SOLON

2010 – RUSSELL KANE

Avalon Edinburgh Comedy Award – Best Newcomer winners include:

1992 – HARRY HILL

1998 – THE MIGHTY BOOSH

2010 – ROISIN CONATY