

AVALON ANNOUNCE

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE LINE-UP FOR 2015

Tuesday, 12th May 2015

Avalon announce the full line-up for their 27th year at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, with the chance to see limited runs from established and award-winning comics including: AL MURRAY, CHRIS RAMSEY, LEE NELSON and ALEX HORNE, a first solo UK appearance by US comic ARI SHAFFIR and a host of other debut, musical, sketch and political comedy shows for a fully-charged 27th anniversary at the Fringe.

Tickets for all shows are available to buy from Monday 11th May on www.wearelivecomedy.com

During the last 27 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, THE MIGHTY BOOSH, FRANK SKINNER, AL MURRAY, RUSSELL KANE, ALEX HORNE, ROISIN CONATY, CARL DONNELLY, KRISTEN SCHAAL & KURT BRAUNOHLER and GARTH MARENGHI and two of only four female winners of the prestigious *Edinburgh Comedy Award*; JENNY ECLAIR and LAURA SOLON.

Avalon's line-up for 2015 includes:

CARL DONNELLY - Jive Ass Honky
MATT FORDE - Get The Political Party Started
ALEX HORNE - Monsieur Butterfly
HORNE SECTION - The Horne Section's Questions Sessions
AL MURRAY- THE PUB LANDLORD - Summer Saloon Show
LEE NELSON - Suited and Booted
CHRIS RAMSEY - All Grown Up
ARI SHAFFIR - This Is Not Happening
IAIN STIRLING - Touchy Feely
THÜNDERBARDS - Chapter III
VARIOUS - The Humble Quest for Universal Genius
PHIL WANG - Philth
MATT WINNING - Mugabe and Me (3D)

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STAND-UP

CARL DONNELLY - Jive Ass Honky

"Observational genius"
The Guardian



Double *Edinburgh Comedy Award* nominee Carl Donnelly returns to the Pleasance Courtyard with his all new show about therapy, depression, relationships, body issues and family. Most recently Carl performed on [Russell Howard's Stand Up Central](#) (Comedy Central), adding to a list of various TV and radio show appearances including [Mock The Week](#), [Russell Howard's Good News](#), [5live](#) and [Talksport](#).

MATT FORDE - Get The Political Party Started

"Singlehandedly fulfilling comedy's brief of taking our political masters to task"
Mail on Sunday

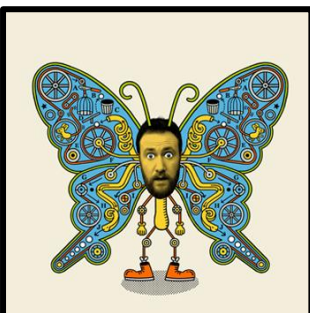


Up to the minute satire inevitably affected by the outcome of an election, which at the time of writing had not taken place and when a Green/BNP coalition was just a pipe dream.

As seen on [Rory Bremner's Coalition Report](#), [Have I Got News For You](#) and [Question Time](#).

ALEX HORNE - Monsieur Butterfly

"One of the most inventive comics on the fringe"
The Observer



Nominated for the 2014 *Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Award*, Alex's stupidly ambitious, logistically problematic and potentially disastrous DIY comedy show is back. Now even bigger and even less likely to succeed, this is Monsieur Butterfly.

LEE NELSON - Suited and Booted

"Comedy legend"
The Sun



You may have seen him host Live at The Apollo or caught him singing on The X Factor, now Lee Nelson returns to the place where it all started. Only this time he's bringing a new look, a new outlook and a brand new show to this overpriced, overlong festival.

CHRIS RAMSEY - All Grown Up

"Terrifyingly talented"
GQ



Critically acclaimed stand-up comedian, Celebrity Juice regular and the man who once got pizza delivered to a moving train returns to Edinburgh with a brand new show. Join him as he explores getting older, taking responsibility, realising you are no longer a child and all of the other terrifying realisations that come with being dragged kicking and screaming into modern adulthood. 10 nights only!

ARI SHAFFIR -This Is Not Happening

"Comedy Central's new comic of the moment"
Uproxx



Comedian Ari Shaffir brings his hit Comedy Central story-telling TV series This Is Not Happening to the stage! Nothing is off limits, as Ari brings up some of his favorite comics to tell their favorite, most embarrassing, or just plain funniest true-life stories in front of a live audience.

IAIN STIRLING - Touchy Feely

"One of Scotland's hottest newcomers"
The Scotsman



Edinburgh's very own double *BAFTA* nominated Iain Stirling is back at the festival following 3 successive sell-out runs. A show about post-referendum Scotland and that time he annoyed the armed forces!

Credits include; The Now Show, Dilemma (Radio 4), Russell Howard's Good News (BBC3), The Josh Widdicombe Show (XFM), Russell Howard's Stand Up Central (Comedy Central) and The Dog Ate My Homework (CBBC).

PHIL WANG - Philth

*"Certain belly laughs" *****
Sunday Times



Phil Wang, "master of the intellectual dick joke" (Time Out), is back with another hour of absolute gold, if he's being honest. Whether it's race, family, love, satire, or sex – this suave dork is full of surprises.

As seen on Top Coppers (BBC3) and Russell Howard's Stand-Up Central (Comedy Central).

MATT WINNING - Mugabe and Me (3D)

"Instant laughs"
Skinny



Moderately anticipated free fringe debut hour of idiosyncratic nonsense from Winning (The Comedy Zone 2013, finalist *BBC New Comedy Awards* 2012, winner *Hilarity Bites New Act* 2011, finalist *Chortle Student Comedy Awards* 2010 and 2011). Also co-creator of the 'cultish' (Independent) Fringe show the Bearpit Podcast (Podcast) with Mat Ewins, John Kearns, Adam Hess, Richard Gadd, Lolly Adefope and Fin Taylor.

VARIETY & SKETCH

AL MURRAY- THE PUB LANDLORD - Summer Saloon Show

"Wickedly witty stuff"
Daily Telegraph



The nation's favourite publican invites you to his raucous saloon. Serving up a host of special guests expect comedy, music and variety on tap. The 2014 sell-out returns for a strictly limited run - ladies and gents place your orders now!

HORNE SECTION - The Horne Section's Questions Sessions

*"An absolute blast *****"*
Metro



The only band to ever host Never Mind The Buzzcocks, stars of Cats Does Countdown, the mighty Horne Section are back with their very own quiz show featuring the world's finest comedians.

After numerous bits and bobs on TV, three of their own series on Radio 4 and five years of sell out shows around the world, Alex Horne now leads his outlandishly brilliant band into proper question-related battle.

THÜNDERBARDS - Chapter III

*"Brilliantly performed and hysterically written *****"*
The List



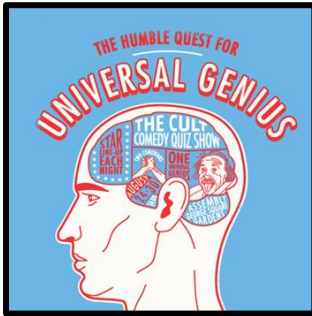
Critically acclaimed sketch duo Thunderbards (*"Without question one of the funniest sketch shows on the Fringe"* GQ) return to Edinburgh with their third hour of comedy. Tipped as *"one of the UK's most promising emerging sketch acts"* (Edinburgh Festivals Magazine), Thunderbards create surreal scenes, vibrant characters and appalling puns, as silly as they are scholarly.

Chapter III follows the boys as they strive to get through every book in their local public library in the hour before its inevitable closure. Madness..

VARIOUS - The Humble Quest for Universal Genius

"The bastard child of Q.I. and Shooting Stars"

Chortle



The Humble Quest makes a triumphant return to Edinburgh. Witness two top comedians going head-to-head against each other in an epic battle of ingenuity, wit and skill. The aim is simple: to find a true modern-day Renaissance Man or Woman. From Art, Science and Languages, to Poetry, Mathematics and, of course, Hunting, we will leave no part of the contestants' brains untested. The show has previously attracted some of the biggest names in stand-up including Alex Horne, Josie Long and Richard Herring. It's been 500 years since Da Vinci

and Galileo. It's time to find a new Universal Genius...

SHOW DETAILS

ACT	SHOW	VENUE	TIME
CARL DONNELLY <i>5th – 30th August</i>	Jive Ass Honky	Pleasance Upstairs	8.30pm
MATT FORDE <i>5th – 30th August</i>	Get The Political Party Started	Pleasance Cabaret Bar	3.50pm
ALEX HORNE <i>15th – 29th August</i>	Monsieur Butterfly	Pleasance Forth	7pm
HORNE SECTION <i>15th – 29th August</i>	The Horne Section's Questions Sessions	Gilded Balloon Debating Hall	10.40pm
AL MURRAY – THE PUB LANDLORD <i>21st – 30th August</i>	Summer Saloon Show	Assembly Palazzo	7.20pm
LEE NELSON <i>5th – 30th August</i>	Suited and Booted	Pleasance Cabaret Bar	10.45pm
CHRIS RAMSEY <i>20th – 30th August</i>	All Growed Up	Assembly GST	8.45pm
ARI SHAFFIR <i>Weekends</i>	This Is Not Happening	Pleasance Ace Dome	11pm
IAIN STIRLING <i>5th – 28th August</i>	Touchy Feely	Pleasance Above	7.40pm
THÜNDERBARDS <i>6th – 30th August</i>	Chapter III	Underbelly Belly Laugh	5pm
VARIOUS <i>21st – 30th August</i>	The Humble Quest for Universal Genius	Assembly Bosco	2pm
PHIL WANG <i>5th – 30th August</i>	Philth	Pleasance Upstairs	6pm

MATT WINNING <i>8th-29th August</i>	Mugabe and Me (3D)	Opium Upstairs	3.45pm
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Notes to the Editor:

Avalon Edinburgh Comedy Award winners include:

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