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Sat 27 Sep to Sat 4 Oct:

JACK ABSOLUTE FLIES AGAIN

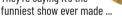
July 1940. After an aerial dog fight, Jack Absolute flies home to win the heart of his



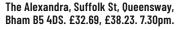
old flame, Lydia Languish. The Crescent Theatre. Sheepcote St. Brindleyplace, Bham B16 8AE. T: 0121 643 5858, £18,50-£9.50. Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat 7.30pm, Sat-Sun 2.30pm.

Thu 2 & Fri 3 Oct: **AUNTY DONNA**

They're saving DREM is the name of the new live sketch show They're saying it's the







Fri 3 Oct. FRIDAY NIGHT COMEDY

With Eva Bindeman (Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year 2024), Dani Johns, Edinburghnominated Phil Fllis and Ignacio Lopez.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, 70 Hurst St. Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400, £21.50, £14, 8pm.



Fri 3 Oct: GOOD KIDS' KLUB NITE

Special one-off return from Good Kids.

Definitely the biggest musical duo reforming this year.

Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St. Bham B1 1BN, PWYW, £5 adv. 8pm.



Sat 4 & Sat 11 Oct: THE BIRMINGHAM **COMEDY FESTIVAL TASTING MENU**

Mixed bill. Unsure which shows to see? Sample the festival's talent here! Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St. Bham B1 1BN, PWYW, 12pm,







Fri 3 Note

BIRMINGHAM COMEDY FESTIVAL BREAKING TALENT AWARD 2025

The West Mids' biggest comedy prize. Five of the very best emerging acts from across the region compete for the prestigious annual title. Compered by James Cook.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, 70 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £12.50 (£10). 7.30pm.





Sat 4 Oct: **RAWDOUG**

A fun look at growing up in modern Britain from a couple of

southerners who ended up in the Midlands, Rory Rawson & Jamie Douglas. 1000 Trades J0, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. PWYW.

1pm.

Sat 4 Oct: SEAN MORLEY: BACKCHANNEL

How to perform interactive comedy during social

collapse. Reinventing comedy for the slurried minds of Broken Britain.

Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN. PWYW. 1.30pm.



Sat 4 Oct: THE COMIC STRIP PRESENTS ...

Celebrating the ground-breaking

classic comedy series with screenings and guests Peter Richardson and Phil Cornwell. Hosted by Robin Ince.

The Glee Club The Arcadian, 70 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £25. 12.30pm



Sat 4 Oct: MAT TAYLOR: GCSE MATHS JOKES REVISION CLASS

Your GCSE exam in Maths Jokes is coming up. Time to revise! Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN. PWYW. 3pm

Sat 4 Oct: SACHIN KUMARENDRAN: NEW WORD ORDER

WOW Award-winner at the

2023 Edinburgh Fringe, Sachin returns with a new show.

1000 Trades JQ, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 3pm.



Sat 4 Oct: NATE KITCH: SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

The basically award-winning absurd comedian returns; 'transcends mere jokes, go see' – Scotsman.

Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN. PWYW. 4.30pm.

Sat 4 Oct: JON HIPKISS: AN EVENING YOU WON'T REGRET UNLESS YOU DON'T LIKE IT

Multi-award nominee Jon's homecoming

show after his Edinburgh Fringe run.

1000 Trades JQ, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 5pm.



Sat 4 Oct:

JAZ MATTU: Everyone is here

Everyone is here for Jaz's unique, absurdist, theatrical, multimedia stand-up. You should be too.

Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN, PWYW, 6pm.



Sat 4 Oct: SATURDAY NIGHT COMEDY

More laughs with Eva Bindeman, Dani Johns, Phil Ellis and rising star Ignacio Lopez.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, 70 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £25.50, £21. 7.30pm.



Sat 4 Oct: **FACU DÍAZ: ESTO NO ES CULPA DE NADIE**New show from the Uruguayan comedian.

NB. This show is in Spanish.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, 70 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £25. 6.30pm.



Sat 4 Oct: HARRY JENKINS: THANKS A LOT (YOU IDIOT)

One of the rising stars of the UK comedy circuit, and local lad, with his first hour show.

1000 Trades JQ, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. £5. 7pm.



Sat 4 Oct:

GEOFF NORCOTT: BASIC BLOKE 2

Geoff's first tour under a Labour government, so he's got plenty to get off his chest! Town Hall, Victoria Square, Bham B3 3D0. £24. 7.30pm.



Sat 4 Oct: **Babatunde Aléshé: High expectations**

The multi-award-winning comedian guides us through family life, his new found fame and the joys of Costco in this hilarious new stand up show.

The Alexandra, Suffolk St, Queensway, Bham B5 4DS. £21.33-£56.79. 8pm.

Sat 4 Oct: **CALEB JAMES**Debut show from Caleb, whiter than your teeth, but probably not as straight.

1000 Trades J0, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. £5. 9pm.

For tickets and more information, visit: bhamcomfest.co.uk



Sun 5 Oct: BIRMINGHAM COMEDY FESTIVAL FREE HALF-DAYER PT.1

All shows are FREE/ Pay What You Want (PWYW). No booking required, just rock up and see as many performances as you like!

THE VICTORIA, 48 John Bright St. Birmingham B1 1BN

RACH SAMBROOKS: PHOFNIXING



A phoenix is a hot bird who reinvents themselves every 1000 vears-ish - Rach is doing it after 50, so she wins. 1pm



TREASURE HUNT

There is treasure hidden somewhere in Birmingham, Can you help our festival comedians solve the

clues and get to the treasure before the time runs out? With James Cook. 2.15pm



LOVDEV BARPAGA: HALF SOAKED

Awkward tales, cultural clashes, and chaossoaked in laughter and truth. 3.30pm



HASAN AL-HABIB: DEATH TO THE **WEST (MIDLANDS)**

The Birmingham Comedy Festival **Breaking Talent Award** 2023 winner's (finished!) debut show. "Deliciously funny" -The Guardian. 4.45pm

CHERRY REDS, 88-92 John Bright St. Birmingham B1 1BN

2 MUSLIM 2 **FURIOUS 2: GO HALAL OR GO HOME**

Tired of being called terrorists, Hasan Al-

Habib and Aisha Amanduri became something worse: comedians! 1pm



BEHIND THE HEADLINES: CHEEKY BLINDERS

Join us on the lawless streets of 1920s Birmingham for a comedic take on the

city's most famous TV series. 2.15pm

OKSE'S WHERE DID YOU TWO MEET (IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING)

An interactive comedy show that celebrates

the weird, sweet, and downright hilarious ways people find love. 3.30pm



STAND UP ADAM BEARDSMORE & JULES O'BRIAN

Adam and Jules are both brimming with ideas for new shows and they want to test them out on vou! 4.45pm





Sun 5 Oct: LUNCHTIME FAMILY COMEDY SHOW

Fun lunchtime show for all the family with Joe

Sutherland, El Baldinho and Jonny Awsum. The Glee Club, The Arcadian, 70 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £14, £10. 12.30pm.



Sun 5 Oct:

COBO: COMEDY SHUTDOWN

Black History Month Special featuring Sikisa, Kat B, Limahl Germain, Kyrah Gray, Gbemi Oladipo and Andrew Mensah. The Glee Club, The Arcadian, 70 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. From £18.6pm.

Sun 5 Oct: CRASH TEST COMEDY



where local comedians try out new material. The Cuban Embassy, 23 St Mary's Row, Moseley, Bham B13 8HW. PWYW. 6.30pm.

Sun 5 Oct:

ANDY BUCKS: WIPPING BOYSilly, nerdy, slightly surreal stand-up

hour from a James Acaster wannabe. The Victoria, 48 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN. PWYW. 6.30pm.





Sun 5 Oct: FAT THEO: THE JOURNEYMAN

The debut solo show from the brain injured comedian; funny tales of life as a father and husband.

The Crescent

Theatre, Sheepcote St, Birmingham, B16 8AE. T: 0121 643 5858. £20. 7pm.

Sun 5 Oct: **JOHN ROBERTSON PLAYS WITH HIS AUDIENCE**

90mins of improv, mayhem, gaming comedy, crowdwork and songs from the UK's most manic



Arcadian, 70 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £15. 7.45pm.



Fearlessly hilarious delivery combined with honesty and sincerity from Kane

Town Hall, Victoria Sq, Bham B3 3DQ. £21.50. 8pm.



Mon 6 Oct: **JOE LYCETT & FRIENDS** Sold out; waiting list only.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian,

70 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD.

Mon 6 & Tue 7 Oct: GARY DELANEY: GARY IN PUNDERLAND

After 18 months away, Gary is getting ready to record his new special. But before the cameras roll, he needs to warm up...

Comedy Junction, The Station Pub, 44 Station St, Sutton Coldfield, Bham B73 6AT. £15. 8pm.

SOLD OUT: Tue 7 to Sat 11 Oct NEW DATES: Tue 2 to Sat 6 Dec: INSIDE NO. 9: STAGE/FRIGHT

Expect the unexpected as the acclaimed BBC TV series comes to life on stage, fresh from a sell out West End run. Starring creators Steve Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith.

The Alexandra, Suffolk St, Queensway, Bham B5 4DS. £40-£112.74. Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Sat 2.30pm.





Tue 7 Oct: **TRIGGER HAPPY TV: LIVE!** Celebrate a quarter-century of chaos as Dom brings his most iconic characters and sketches to the stage.

Town Hall, Victoria Square, Bham B3 3D0, £29-£44, 7.30pm.

Tue 7 Oct: THINK, THINK! LOOK AROUND US NOW...

Jarvis and Thayer (with Mr Chuckles)
promise to take the audience on a journey.
The Victoria, 48 John Bright St, Bham
B1 1BN. PWYW. 7.30pm.

Wed 8 Oct: **BREW HAHA! BCF SPECIAL**

Welcome some of Brum's funniest people inc. Tal Davies, Stuart Draper, Harry Jenkins, Rach Sambrooks, Twisted Sista and Hannah Weetman

Attic Brew Co, 29B Mary Vale Rd, Stirchley, Bham B30 2DA. T: 0121 824 9900. £7.50. 7.30pm.

Wed 8 Oct: CHRIS KENT: OFFLINE

Trying to give up the internet, Chris wonders if he'll ever go back to thinking for himself.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, 70 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £17. 7.15pm.





Wed 8 Oct: HAD AN IDEA PODCAST: LIVE RECORDING

Ben Coleman and Michael Mason pitch their weird and wonderful ideas.

The Cuban Embassy, 23 St Mary's Row, Moseley, Bham B13 8HW. PWYW. 7pm.

Wed 8 Oct: **GRILLS & GIGGLES**

A one-off night of laughs, served alongside the city's favourite mixed grills. Soho Tavern 407 Park Rd, Bham B18 5SR. T: 07492 544494. £10. 7.30pm.

Wed 8 Oct: **BIRMINGHAM FOOTNOTES: AWAITING APPROVAL**

An evening of original student stand-up comedy from the stand-up troupe.

The Rainbow, 160 High St, Bordesley, Bham B12 OLD. T: 0121 753 4006. £3.
7:30pm.

Wed 8 Oct: ROUND THE HORNE

"Oh, Mr Horne! How bona to vada your dolly old eek!" Classic

radio comedy adapted by Apollo Theatre. The Old Rep Theatre, Station St, Birmingham, B5 4DY. T: 0121 643 5858. £22, £21. 7.30pm.

Thu 9 Oct: **COMEDY CAROUSEL**

Award-winning comedy from Andy Robinson and



guests inc. Dan Hudson and Fred Barber. The Glee Club, The Arcadian, 70 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £14.50, £8. 7.15pm.



Thu 9 Oct: Birmingham Comedy Festival presents:

LAUREL AND HARDY: ANIMAL CRACKERS

Triple-bill of movie classics on an animal theme featuring the greatest double act of all time - Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. West Midlands Police Museum, The Lock-up, Steelhouse Lane, Bham B4 6BJ. T: 0121 609 1700. 7pm. £11.

Thu 9 Oct:

EMMANUEL SONUBI: LIFE AFTER NEAR DEATH

The Edinburgh Comedy Award double nominee explores life after surviving heart failure, and the

strange & funny ways

we find to keep going when life gets hard. The Glee Club, The Arcadian, 70 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £20, £18. 7.15pm.





Thu 9 Oct: MARCEL LUCONT'S WHINE LIST

The multi-award-deserving deadpan Frenchman serves up a unique Whine List of the audience's past gripes, moans and misdemeanours.

Hockley Social Club, 60 Hampton St, Bham B19 3LU. £14. 8pm.

Thu 9 Oct: KAMIKAZE CLUB SHOWCASE

Kamikaze Club bring you their favourite acts for a celebration of comedy inc. Ash Baker, R.S Lewis and Adam Hawker.

1000 Trades JQ, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 7.30pm.



Thu 9 Oct: THE LATE NIGHT SWEET SHOP: FESTIVAL SPECIAL

Birmingham's cult Alternative Comedy night presents a mystery

Pick'n'Mix. Curated and compered by Richard Dadd.

Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN. PWYW. 8pm.

Thu 9 Oct: DANNY CLIVES & JON HIPKISS: NEW BITS & BOBS

A split hour work-in-progress show of all new material from the two comics. 1000 Trades J0, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 9pm.

Fri 10 Oct: FRIDAY NIGHT COMEDY

With triple-threat Joe Sutherland, comedian and content creator Ali Woods,

Paul Thorne, Lily Phillips and Taiwanese-British comedian Monica Hsueh.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, 70 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £21.50, £14, 7.30pm.

Fri 10 Oct:

ELLIOT STEEL: SOFT BOI CORE

Elliot delves into the hellish year he, and humanity, has had with his biting wit and



trademark dark sense of humour.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, 70 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £15. 8pm.

Fri 10 Oct: **JASON BYRNE: HEAD IN THE CLOUDS**

Jason literally has his Head In the Clouds most of the time, but thankfully, mainly when he's on stage!

Town Hall, Victoria Square, Bham B3 3DQ. £32.50. 7.30pm.



Fri 10 Oct: **KERRY JANES: BAD TIT BITCH** Stirchlev's own



mid life crisis comic on the rampage! Greidy St. Waterside Business Park. Pershore Rd. Stirchlev. Bham B30 3DR. PWYW. 8pm.

Sat 11 Oct-MARCEL **LUCONT: LES ENFANTS TERRIBLES - A GAMESHOW FOR AWFUL CHILDREN**



Anarchic family gameshow, Winner: UK Kids Comedy Festival Best Kids Show. The Glee Club. The Arcadian, 70 Hurst St. Bham B5 4TD, T: 0871 4720400.

£12, £8, 12,45pm.

Sat 11 Oct: SHAM **7AMAN: CHAOS** Rintous sci-fi. horror themed chans and hizarre tales, all powered by audience enthusiasm.

1000 Trades JQ, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 1pm.

Sat 11 Oct: **ROB KEMP: BEATLESJUICE**

Cult horror comedy movie Beetleiuice retold through the sonas of The Beatles! Come see



if He Can Work It Out. Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St. Bham B1 1BN, PWYW, 1.30pm.

Sat 11 Oct: RICHARD DADD: NOT THE GUY FROM BABY REINDEER

Just one letter away from being a famous awardwinning comedian.

Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St. Bham B1 1BN. PWYW. 3pm.





Sat 11 Oct: NOT JUST FRIENDS: SUPERHOST

A horror sketch show from four stupid idiots with nothing to prove.

The Victoria, 48 John Bright St. Birmingham, B1 1BN. £8. 4pm.

Sat 11 Oct: RACHEL BAKER: I'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT



Agent of chaos and lover of interacting with strangers, she's got nothing, but she will create something.

Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN, PWYW, 4.30pm.

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Sat 11 Oct: HANNAH WEETMAN: SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT

A self-proclaimed

walking disaster, Hannah shares stories of failure and embarrassment.

1000 Trades JQ, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 5pm.



Sat 11 Oct:

CHARLES QUARTERMAN: AN EVENING WITH CHARLES QUARTERMAN FOR ONE HOUR

Itinerant American

beat poet and storyteller. 'Ridiculously funny' - The Scotsman

Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN. PWYW. 6pm.

Sat 11 Oct: SHOULD STATEMENTS: A SHOW BROUGHT TO YOU BY (A LITTLE) INHERITED WEALTH



Lizzie Simpson lost her uncle but gained £20,000. What should she do? 1000 Trades J0, 16
Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 7pm.



Find out more at: www.bhamcomfest.co.uk

Sat 11 Oct: EMMA DAVIES: SCREW UPZ!

Darkly comic 1990's gameshow about HR and the rules of the workplace. Just make sure you leave without losing your job! Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN. PWYW. 7.30pm.



Sat 11 Oct:

HENNING WEHN: ACID WEHN

The German Comedy Ambassador takes

an unbiased look at climate change - after all, everyone loves talking about the weather.

Town Hall, Victoria
Square, Bham
B3 3D0. £29.50.
7.30pm.



Sat 11 Oct: **SATURDAY NIGHT COMEDY**



NIGHT COMEDY
Laughs from Joe
Sutherland, Ali
Woods, Paul
Thorne and Lily
Phillips.
The Glee Club,
The Arcadian,
70 Hurst St,
Bham B5 4TD.
T: 0871 472

0400. £25.50,

£21. 7.30pm.

Sat 11 Oct:

SHAKESPEARF: TRAGENY PI IIS TIME EQUALS COMEDY

Actors rehearse those funny first drafts of Romeo

and Juliet, Macheth and Hamlet. The Crescent Theatre, Sheepcote St. Rham R16 8AF, T: 0121 643 5858, £12. 8pm.







trying (and failing) to make sense of it all. Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Rham R1 1RN PWYW. 6.30pm



Sun 12 Oct: **BIRMINGHAM COMEDY FESTIVAL** FREE HALF-DAYER PT2

From 1pm. See over for full line-up ...



Sat 11 Oct: CONLAN AND FRIENDS Comedy magician Damon grudgingly presents a classic variety extravaganza. With Abbie Hale and Lin Smith. Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St. Bham B1 1BN, PWYW, 9pm.

Sun 12 Oct: **LOW EFFORT**

ΔS **DESCRIBED**

Multi awardwinning sketch duo bring their



The Victoria, 48 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN. PWYW. 6.30pm.

Birmingham Comedy Festival & The Laughing Gravy Tent presents:

LAUREL & HARDY: **ANIMAL CRACKERS**

Legendary double-act Stan and Ollie star in three classic black and white comedies, all with an animal theme: Wrong Again (1929); The Chimp (1932); and Laughing Gravv (1931).

Sat 4 Oct: Warwick Arts Centre, COVENTRY, 3pm. £10.50-£7.50.

Thu 9 Oct: West Midlands Police Museum, BIRMINGHAM, 7pm, £11. Sun 12 Oct: Stourbridge Town Hall, STOURBRIDGE

Tickets & information: bhamcomfest.co.uk

2.30pm. £10.







Sun 12 Oct: BIRMINGHAM COMEDY FESTIVAL FREE HALF-DAYER PT.2

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CHERRY REDS, 88-92 John Bright St, Birmingham B1 1BN



SHOOBY DOOBY DOO WOP: LIVE!

The hit podcast about hit records with local comedy legends, Andy Robinson and James Cook. **1pm**



TOM LITTLE LESS CONVERSATION, TOM LITTLE MORE ACTION

'Properly talented.' ****
- The Scotsman. 'Can't

remain a hidden treasure for long' -Chortle. **2.15pm**



HANNAH WEETMAN & DOM BANT: FRAUDCHURCH

Bonding over growing up in the same Brum sh*tholes and being

magnets for disaster, two downbeat comedians split an hour. **3.30pm**



THE GLITTER SISTERS

The all-female West Mids comedy troupe serves up sharp wit, outrageous tales, and

more sparkle than a unicorn on espresso at a mirrorball convention. **4.45pm**

THE VICTORIA, 48 John Bright St, Birmingham B1 1BN

ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE TRAINING FOR CUTLERY USERS

Cutlery safety meets comedy in this sharp training session for grown-ups with expert lan Crawford. 1pm

MARY FLANIGAN: SCREAM IF YOU WANT TO GO SLOWER

Everything a bit much? Relax by watching an Irish woman do something. 2.15pm



ERIC RUSHTON, JAMIE D'SOUZA AND FINLAY CHRISTIE: NEVER HAD A BAD ONE

They've never had a bad gig. Today they

risk everything by trying out some new material that might fail. **3.30pm**



TAL DAVIES & PALS: SITCOM TABLE-READ

Tal's written a sitcom and some of Brum's finest are assembling to perform it. **4.45pm**





For tickets and the latest information, check our website or scan the QR code >

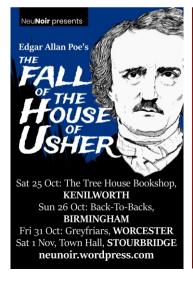
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