

LONDON'S LAUGHING HARD FOR THE BARD!

Burns Night Comedy Gala returns ahead of Glasgow International Comedy Festival

Londoners can celebrate comedy in true Scottish style this January, as the Glasgow International Comedy Festival offers those in the south an exclusive glimpse of what's to come at this spring's event.

In a special Burns Night hootenanny, it's out with the bagpipes and in with the laughter as a stellar line-up of top class comedians take to the Leicester Square Theatre stage to preview the delights on offer in Glasgow at this year's 10th anniversary festival, which will run from 15 March to 1 April 2012.

The evening of comedic prowess will be hosted by the eclectic Susan Calman, as she introduces performances by Stewart Lee, Robin Ince, Tony Law, Tiffany Stevenson and Scottish comic maestro Fred MacAulay on January 25th.

The popular gala is an excellent chance for London's comedy fans to check out the talent on offer up North in 2012, and Festival Director Tommy Sheppard has no doubts that this year's event will be another runaway success.

He said: "2012 sees the Glasgow International Comedy Festival celebrate 10 fantastic years of outstanding comedy.

"This is a very special year for us, and we intend to provide a celebration for the country to remember."

"The festival has a great reputation in Glasgow, and we are confident that our friends across the UK and internationally will once again enjoy the comedic hospitality that the festival is famous for.

"Bringing a sneak-peek of our line up to London this Burns Night is a great way to show our friends south of the border what fabulous treats lie in store in for them in Glasgow this year.

"With an array of top class comedians doing stand-up as well as a variety of music, theatre, and workshops for fans of all ages, there's something for everyone as we mark a decade of this fabulous event."

A hot topic on the streets of London, tickets for this Burns Night Comedy Gala sold out quickly last year, so fans desperate to come along should snap theirs up soon.

Visit http://leicestersquaretheatre.ticketsolve.com/products or ring the Box Office on 0844 8733433 to get yours. The evening kicks off at 8pm, and tickets are priced at £14.50/£12/50 concession.

Tickets for a number of the 2012 festival headliners are already on sale and include something for everyone including big hitters such as Dara O'Briain, Stewart Lee, Sarah Millican, Michael Winslow (star of Police Academy) and last 2011's sell-out US hit, Doug Stanhope. Full details of the shows already announced can be found at. www.glasgowcomedyfestival.com and the full festival programme launches on Wednesday 18th January.

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