



LIVE COMEDY FESTIVAL

First International Comedy Festival in Antwerp

Live Comedy Festival is an international comedy festival, that will take place from 26 September in 4 theaters in Antwerp for a couple of weeks. The first names have been announced today.

HANS TEEUWEN & The Painkillers

STEPHEN MERCHANT

JACK DEE

In the following weeks, more names will be announced.

Live comedy.be, founded by Tom Bertels, is a comedy promoter of Flemish, Dutch and English comedy events in Belgium.

Why the need for this festival?

A lot of big cities in the world have their own comedy festival. In Flanders that is not yet the case and we would like to change that. The focus lies on international comedy, but you can also see Flemish and Dutch stand-up comedians.

The Flemish people are ready to go to comedy events in English. A lot of Flemish people can understand English and have already discovered comedy in English via YouTube and television. There are also people with different nationalities who live here or who spend their holiday in Flanders and speak English as a second or third language. A lot of them also really like comedy, so they will be very excited to hear about this.

English comedians feel the need to tour around the world. They are ready to conquer Europe.

Jack Dee / 15 October / Stadsschouwburg Antwerp

Jack Dee won his first British Comedy Award in 1991. The popular comedy show Live at the Apollo was named 'Jack Dee at the Apollo' for the first two seasons because Jack was always the host. He's known for his dry humour.

Stephen Merchant / 20 October / Stadsschouwburg Antwerp

Stephen got famous as the co-writer and co-director of the award winning sitcom called The Office, starring Ricky Gervais. But it wasn't until 2011 that Merchant was onstage as a solo stand-up comedian. He was doing big venues in the UK, USA and Australia and he said about this: "The reason why I am alone on stage now is because now I finally don't have to share something with 'you-know-who'."

Hans Teeuwen / 26 September / Arenberg Antwerp

Hans Teeuwen is a phenomenon. He's a really popular comedian in the Netherlands and Flanders. He decided to stop doing comedy in 2004, but after a break of seven years he decided to hit the stage again, but with very few shows. On the Live Comedy Festival Hans Teeuwen will perform in Dutch with his band The Painkillers.

The ticket sale starts on 23 April at 10 o'clock AM.

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