

Friday 4th March 2022

Balcarras Comedy Club, Balcarras School, Cheltenham

8pm

Age 18+

With a Spring in our step we're delighted to announce another stonking night of stand-up comedy featuring **Andrew Bird, Jenny Collier, Keith Farnan** and compered by **Ben van Der Velde!**

Andrew Bird

Andrew is a top headline act up and down the country and has performed all round the world. He has been tour support for Rhod Gilbert, Rob Brydon and on his recent arena tour Michael McIntyre including Wembley and the O2. He's one of only seven comedians to perform for Banksy at Dismal Land. He's written on TV shows Jon Richardson's Ultimate Worrier, 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown and Lee Mack's Duck Quacks Don't Echo and is a regular guest on BBC Radio's The Rhod Gilbert Show.

"Birdie supported me on my arena tour and made me laugh every night. A truly excellent comedian" - Michael McIntyre

"A great storyteller, funny, likeable and effortless" - Time Out

Jenny Collier

The proudly Welsh Jenny Collier is a multi-award winning stand up comedian, writer and actor.

The sharp tongued, multi-lingual Jenny has mastered the art of deftly welcoming her audiences into a false sense of security with her lilting Welsh twang, before taking a dramatic U-turn with her outrageously raw punchlines. She leaves audiences squirming in their seats, head in hands and always wanting more. Her perfectly crafted, confident and in command performances are a favourite at clubs and festivals everywhere. An unapologetically bold, brilliant and seriously talented rising star.

'Refreshingly original... Excellent' Broadway Baby

'Makes vitriol adorable, delivers funny dark material as though butter wouldn't melt'
Wildcard Comedy

Ben Van der Velde is a stand-up comedian, actor, improviser and presenter. Over the past few years, has spread joy and nonsense to all four corners of the British Isles, as well as Greece, Estonia, Latvia, Finland and Norway.

Outside the circuit, Ben has performed a voodoo re-marriage ceremony, founded the Church of the Holy Kazoo with comedy legend Mark Thomas, and walked the entire London Underground network to raise money for The Refugee Council.

'Wonderfully improvised riffs showcasing his impressive spontaneity and sharp tongue.'
Edinburgh Festivals Magazine

'Turns lazy stereotypes and political messes into biting, personal, satire.'
**** Ed Fringe Review

'On flights of fancy, he pushes ideas to extremes and displays a crackling, spontaneous energy in which we're swept up.'

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Keith Farnan

A former solicitor, Keith has the natural ability to delve into themes other comics may shy away from and it is this aptitude that is placing him in the lead of investigative comedians. He has been a regular guest on radio, both in Ireland and the UK, from BBC, RTE, Talk Sport, Today FM, Newstalk and all sorts of other warm and welcoming studios.

Keith Farnan has performed as a stand-up all over the world, from Montreal, to Amsterdam, to Hong Kong.

His television credits include BBC3's Most Annoying People, One Night Stand (BBC), Liffey Laughs (RTE) and Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow (BBC1).

'... If Eddie Izzard had been Irish, he'd surely have turned out a lot like Keith Farnan' The Scotsman

'Brilliant, thought-provoking and laugh out loud funny' Time Out