

News Release



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NEW COMEDY NIGHTS SET TO CLEAN UP IN LEEDS

The line between what's funny and going too far looks to have been permanently altered after Brand and Ross's antics on BBC Radio 2.

However, with the launch of new comedy nights in Leeds, organisers are promising plenty of clean laughs at no-one's expense.

The new comic evenings start with *The Great Big Christmas Stand Up Show* – on December 17th at the HiFi Club in Leeds - before the *Clean as Possible Comedy Nights* head over to The Carriageworks for their monthly new show starting from January 2009.

The *Clean as Possible Comedy Nights* are organised by Just Fair Laughs – who provide socially aware comedy with a conscience. Just Fair Laughs aim to bring the best in stand-up, drawing upon a vast network of the top comedians throughout the UK.

Cllr John Procter, Executive Member for Leisure, said:

“The Clean as Possible Comedy Nights at The Carriageworks are a really exciting new event. I'm sure they'll prove a great success in attracting lovers of laughter from across Leeds to the Millennium Square theatre .”

The Great Big Christmas Stand Up Show starts with a bang with a headlining set by award winning female comic Jo Enright – whose impressive credits include appearances in TV comedies *Phoenix Nights* and *I'm Alan Partridge*.

The evenings of clean comedy continue into 2009 as the *Clean as Possible Comedy Nights* team up with The Carriageworks to bring the talents of Dave Twentyman, Roger Monkhouse and Jamie Sutherland - three of the UK's top up and coming comic talents - to Leeds.

Tony Vino, Host of the Clean as Possible Comedy Nights, said:

“We are really excited about the upcoming comedy nights in Leeds. We started out in Leeds back in the early part of 2005 with a comedy night at Holy Trinity Cafe on Boar Lane.

“Since then the agency has grown with regular nights now running across the UK spreading from Truro on the South Coast to as far north as Kendal. This is in many ways is a home-coming for us.”

Tickets for *The Clean as possible Comedy Nights* are available online now by visiting www.carriageworkstheatre.org.uk, or by calling the box office on 0113 224 3801.

Notes to editors:

1. **Tickets** for *The Great Big Christmas Stand Up Show* cost £8 and are available at www.justfairlaughs.org.uk.
2. **Tickets** for *The Clean as Possible Comedy Nights* cost £8 and are available online at www.carriageworkstheatre.org.uk or by calling the city centre box office on 0113 224 3801.
3. **Press Tickets** are available by request. Please contact Dominic Burton T: 0113 247 8285 E: dominic.burton@leeds.gov.uk.
4. **Interviews** with organisers and performers from the *Clean as Possible Comedy Nights* are available by request. Please contact Dominic Burton T: 0113 247 8285 E: dominic.burton@leeds.gov.uk
5. **The Carriageworks**, Leeds City Council’s theatre, is situated on Millennium Square within the Electric Press Development. It provides a range of entertainment to local audiences as well as acting as an important performance space for local performing groups and companies. This exciting venue which will celebrate its third birthday in November 2008 is also the home of the long established Leeds Civic Arts Guild, an umbrella organisation of approximately 15 local amateur performing groups which

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previously rehearsed and performed at the former Civic Theatre. The Arts Guild is a cornerstone of The Carriageworks and provides an on going range of entertainment for all ages.

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