



**PRESS RELEASE**

# **Catch tip-top comedians on their way to the Edinburgh Festival, right here in Brentford**

**You could see the next big thing from just a tenner at Watermans' Edinburgh Preview Comedy Nights, coming up in June.**

Three nights of comedy are coming up at Watermans in Brentford. Each night features two comedians with the one-hour shows they're preparing for 2017's Edinburgh Festival. For just a tenner you can see some of the top talent out there, plus someone who's on their way up. Grab a curry beforehand to set you up for the evening, and a drink to take into the theatre with you, and you're in for a great night out without leaving West London!

## **John Kearns & Becky Brunning**

**Fri 23 June, 7.30pm**

In 2014, Kearns became the first man to win the prestigious Edinburgh Comedy Award just a year after being named Best Newcomer. Brunning brings us her critically acclaimed show 'Beaming', having recently made her TV debut in the most recent series of Broadchurch.

The MC for this event is local Hounslow boy Sheraz Yousaf.

## **Tiff Stevenson & Eshaan Akbar**

**Fri 30 June, 7.30pm**

Tiff's show 'Mad Man' from last year's Edinburgh Festival was one of the best reviewed of the festival, while in 2015 The Times named her as one of the top 10 comedians to watch. She's joined by Akbar, who won the Piccadilly Comedy Club New Comedian of the Year in 2016: one to watch.

MC Geoff Whiting is the resident MC for Britain's Got Talent Contestant Show at the Hen and Chickens in Islington, and is a Watermans regular of old.

## **Andrew Maxwell & Mickey Sharma**

**Fri 7 July, 7.30pm**

Maxwell is a must for any comedy fan, garnering 5 star reviews and appearing on prime time TV shows like *Have I Got News for You* with his intrepid brand of social and political commentary. Sharma has recently toured with Desi Central and is a draws on his eclectic life for inspiration.

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*Tickets £12/£10 (conc £10/£8)*

*Location: Watermans, 40 High Street Brentford. [www.watermans.org.uk](http://www.watermans.org.uk)*

## **About Watermans**

Watermans is West London's leading arts centre. It attracts over 230,000 visits a year to its thriving and inclusive programme of independent cinema, family and Asian theatre, regular weekend festivals, exhibitions and courses. Watermans runs a year-round programme of cutting-edge digital arts for which it receives National Portfolio Organisation funding from Arts Council England, and has done so for many years.

Watermans also leads several other major projects outside its venue. These are primarily concerned with broadening access to high quality arts in communities that engage little, if at all, in the arts, to support community cohesion and economic regeneration:

- **Bell Square**, the outdoor arts venue in Hounslow Town Centre, now in its third year. It attracted 34k visitors to Hounslow Town Centre in 2015, just under half of whom said that these events were the primary reason for their visit and that they would go onto spend money elsewhere in Hounslow. 72% say they are more likely to return to the town centre because of these events
- **Circulate**, a London-wide outdoor arts touring network that regularly brings free events to Hounslow including to Bell Square and the Brentford Festival
- **Creative People & Places Hounslow**, Arts Council England's major investment in increasing arts capacity in underserved areas, working in Feltham, Heston and Cranford, and central Hounslow

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