

7 WEEKS OF WORLD-CLASS ENGLISH SPOKEN
STAND-UP COMEDY IN TOOMLER!

the 17th

COMEDY TRAIN

International
Summer Festival

in
TOOMLER!

Every
Wednesday
till Saturday

30 JUNI - 3 JULI
RICH HALL USA
JOHN MOLONEY UK

21 - 24 JULI
PETE JOHANSSON CAN
ALISTAIR BARRIE UK

4 - 7 AUG
ADAM BLOOM UK
DAVE FULTON USA

7 - 10 JULI
JARRED CHRISTMAS NZ
PAUL SINHA UK

28 - 31 JULI
ARJ BARKER USA
EDDIE IFFT USA

11 - 14 AUG
MARKUS BIRDMAN UK
LLOYD LANGFORD UK

14 - 17 JULI
REGINALD D HUNTER USA
SHAZIA MIRZA UK

SHOW 8:30 PM
OPEN 7:00 PM

Pretty damned
good FOOD is
available!

JUNE 30TH - AUGUST 14TH 2010

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30 juni - 3 juli John Moloney ^{UK} 

+ Rich Hall ^{USA} 

Wrote for and played in Not Necessarily the News and Saturday Night Live. Multiple guest in Late Show with David Letterman and Late Night with Conan O'Brien.

7 - 10 juli Jarred Christmas ^{NZ} 

+ Paul Sinha ^{UK} 

"Universal anecdotes as warmly delivered as you would find anywhere... it's a pleasure listening to him" - Chortle

14 - 17 juli Reginald D Hunter ^{USA} 

+ Shazia Mirza ^{UK} 

"Her laconic one-liners represent something quite unique in modern comedy." - William Cook, The Guardian

21 - 24 juli Alistair Barrie ^{UK} 

+ Pete Johansson ^{CAN} 

'By far the breakout performer this year at life for laughs but more importantly made my list of best jokes of the fest, twice! The Montreal Gazette

28 - 31 juli Eddie Ifft ^{USA} 

+ Arj Barker ^{USA} 

"There are comedians who tell jokes. There are comedians who tell stories. Then there are comedians who look at life from such a perverse perspective they can't help but be funny. Californian Arj Barker is all three." AdelaideNow

4 - 7 aug Adam Bloom ^{UK} 

"He's been one of my favourite stand-ups for about ten years. Bloom not only has meticulous, brilliant lines, but also an intense and fragile honesty" - Ricky Gervais

+ Dave Fulton ^{USA} 

"Compelling... a real breath of fresh air"- The Independent

11 - 14 aug Lloyd Langford ^{UK} 

+ Markus Birdman ^{UK} 

"Charming and self-effacing, delightfully surreal a high quality show" **** The List

CISF JUNE 30TH TILL 14TH OF AUGUST

WEDNESDAY TILL SATURDAY AT TOOMLER

TICKETS WED €10,00/ THU €12,50/ FRI/SAT €16,00

RESERVATIONS RESERVERINGEN@TOOMLER.NL

TOOMLER OPENS AT 7.00 PM SHOWS STARTS AT 8.30 PM

ADDRESS BREITNERSTRAAT 2, AMSTERDAM

(UNDERNEATH THE HILTON HOTEL)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT TRAM 16, STOP 'EMMASTRAAT'

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The truth that connects

The International Comedy Festival in Toomler is of global importance. There, I said it.

You know how you can beyond the shadow of a doubt determine if someone is a fundamentalist? Sense of humour. If the person in question has absolutely no sense of humour whatsoever he or she is much more likely to be a member of an extremist cell.

So if your grandma doesn't respond to jokes anymore see if she responds to you insulting Allah. Because fundamentalism is everywhere. There's a reason the orange jumpsuit prisoners at Guantanamo Bay aren't submitted to a good half hour of side splitting jokes, the nazi fuckers torturing them don't know any! No chuckles, fundamentalism galore.

Does all laughter count as positive?

No. There's different types of laughter. There's laughter that is perhaps loud but ultimately superficial (Tom Cruise). And there's laughter that is audible evidence of people opening up (figuratively speaking, not the Guantanamo Bay way). This does not depend on the subject matter of the jokes, it depends solely on one thing and that is the comics' bravery to open up first. Stand up is magic when the person on stage opens up and the people in the audience respond by doing the same thing. And therein lies the mystery.

There's mechanics to the composition of a joke, but something that makes you laugh, grabs you within and for some reason stays with you, can not be dissected to its necessary ingredients. And that is because if there's one thing that cannot be bottled it's truth. Stand up is sharing truth by fuelling it with little surprises. Fundamentalists enforce their truth and do not tolerate other truths. These two are at opposite sides of the scale of dealing with the concept truth. That's why great spiritual teachers like the Dalai Lama embrace humour and making light of things and that's exactly why an international comedy festival in Toomler is so important: laughter is about humans connecting. The truth that connects people internationally is the very thing that scares the shit out of every dictator, oppressor, bigot, cult-leader and religious fanatic in the world. And so my young Skywalker, it is of global importance to make people laugh and to open up and laugh yourself.

I don't know who I'm talking to while writing this, probably myself. So much for sharing.

Ronald Goedemondt