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Sep

Jon Richardson: The Knitwit

Thu 7 Sep, 8pm
£24

Will the recycling be put out on the right day? Who is going to smooth over the top of the margarine? Watch **Jon Richardson** pretend that these aren't his foremost concerns as he leaves home on his first tour since the last one.

Age guidance: Strictly 14+

Alan Carr: Regional Trinket

Fri 8 Sep, 8pm
£26

Alan Carr is back on the road with a brand-new stand-up show. From the exhilarating high of his star-studded wedding day to the low of lockdown stuck on a farm, a lot has changed since Alan's last tour four years ago, including Alan.

Age guidance: 16+

Millie Bobby Brown: Nineteen Steps – In Conversation

Tue 12 Sep, 7.30pm
£42 - £32

To celebrate the release of her debut novel *Nineteen Steps*, join global star Millie Bobby Brown for a special one-off book launch and Q&A at Hackney Empire – suitably located just around the corner from where the story takes place in Bethnal Green during World War II. All tickets include a copy of the book.

Seann Walsh: Back From The Bed

Fri 15 Sep, 8pm
£19

Seann Walsh is back from the bed and bringing his tour to Hackney, as he tries to avoid mentioning the last year in which millions of decent people tragically lost their lives to TikTok.

“His standup is richer than ever”

The Guardian

Age guidance: Strictly 14+

Live at The Empire with Sara Pascoe

Sat 16 Sep, 8pm
£26 - £22.50

London’s biggest comedy night brings you another mega line-up in September, headlined by the stand-up superstar, best-selling author and more, **Sara Pascoe**. Sara is joined by **Maisie Adam**, **Mawaan Rizwan**, **Troy Hawke** and more to be announced.

This show is BSL Interpreted.

Age guidance: 16+

Mark Normand: Ya Don’t Say

Thu 21 Sep, 7pm
£32.50

Dubbed by Jerry Seinfeld as the “best young up and coming comic,” Mark Normand is quickly becoming one of the most talked about touring comedians on the scene, with his self-released special, *Out To Lunch* amassing over 10 million views on YouTube.

Age guidance: 18+

Deafinitely Theatre: The Vagina Monologues

Sat 23 Sep, 7.30pm

£25

Marking International Sign Language Day 2023, **Deafinitely Theatre** presents a special charity fundraising performance of V's (formerly Eve Ensler) acclaimed **The Vagina Monologues** in BSL and Spoken English with captions directed by **Paula Garfield**. Performed by a mix of 20 deaf and hearing women and non-binary people from all walks of life, the one-off performance will raise much-needed funds for the charity **Deafinitely Women**, which provides essential services to make sure all deaf women are able to live free from abuse. This is an unmissable celebration of womanhood and sexuality. Age guidance: 14+

Sep/Oct

English Touring Opera

The Coronation Of Poppea

Sat 30 Sept, 7.30pm
£37 - £10

Set at the court of the Emperor Nero as he schemes to replace his wife Octavia with his lover Poppea, Monteverdi's *The Coronation of Poppea* has a bleak and violent answer to the question, "How far would you go for love?"

Cinderella (La Cenerentola)

Sat 7 Oct, 7.30pm
£37 - £10

Rossini's *La Cenerentola* is on the surface a joyous retelling of the Cinderella story, complete with a murderously wicked stepfather. However, the triumph of goodness and kindness masks a more biting commentary on status and desire.

Save 20% if you book both shows

The Big C-omedy Night

Tue 10 Oct, 7.30pm
£35 - £20

A night of belly-laughs from some of the biggest names in comedy, all in aid of the breast cancer unit at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Essex. Featuring Phil Wang, Kerry Godliman, Jamali Maddix, Fern Brady and Fin Taylor as your MC for the night.

Age guidance: 18+

Jen Brister: The Optimist

Fri 13 Oct, 8pm
£17

After 76 sold out shows across the country Jen is extending The Optimist tour for a third and final time. If middle age has taught Jen anything, it's that optimism does not come naturally to her. In fact it's fair to say that her cup is very much half empty and she's making no attempt to fill it. Can she work against her natural instincts and finally see the light? I think we know the answer to that, but let's try and be optimistic.

[Four Stars] "No-one does furious better than Brister"
The Guardian

Age guidance: 18+

Majah Hype In Comedy Explosion

Fri 14 Oct, 7.30pm
£37.50 - £35

Back by popular demand, the Caribbean King of Comedy **Majah Hype** is jetting in from the USA for this year's Comedy Explosion! Joining him, we welcome Pretty Boy Floyd, aka **Boasy Boy Floyd** from Jamaica for his debut UK performance. Plus, expect performances from UK giants **Kane Brown**, **Dizzle**, **Junior Booker** and **Kayleigh Loudmouth**.

Age guidance: 18+

Tom Davis: Underdog

Thu 19 Oct, 8pm
£22

Sweet Soul Tom Davis will be exploring life as the longshot. From leaving school with no qualifications to years working on building sites, all the way to the difficult road to fatherhood, acting in blockbuster films and yet still being told he's punching by a waiter.

Age guidance: Strictly 14+

Matteo Lane

Fri 20, Sun 22 & Wed 25 Oct, 4.30pm (Sun); 8pm
£45 - £25

Named one of Variety's Top Ten Comics to Watch, stand up comedian **Matteo Lane** performs to sold out crowds all over the world. He has shared the stage with the likes of **Chelsea Handler**, **Aziz Ansari**, **Hasan Minhaj** and **Bob the Drag Queen**. Matteo can be seen in Netflix's queer stand up special *Stand Out* as well as *The Comedy Lineup*.

Pioneers Of Comedy

Sat 21 Oct, 8pm
£35 - £20

As more and more Black Comedians find major success on our television screens, we pay homage to some of those who paved the way and opened the doors for Black Comedy in the UK. Featuring Robbie Gee, Eddie Nestor, Rudi Lickwood, Slim, Richard Blackwood and many more.

Age guidance: 16+

Oct

Two Mr Ps In A Podcast Live

Tue 24 Oct, 7.30pm
£23.50

Wacky Racists Comedy Club

Thu 26 Oct, 7.30pm
£22

Hosted by TV comedy queen, incel wet dream and professional gammon-botherer: **Sophie Duker, Wacky Racists Comedy Club** platforms performers of colour and underrepresented allies, serving up epic comedy with some of the best stand-ups, drag acts and cabaret icons on the planet.

Join the Two Mr Ps as they take their award-winning podcast on the road with the ultimate show and tell lesson. As well as sharing their own experiences and stories from the classroom, the two Mr Ps will be telling some of the most embarrassing, cringey and downright hilarious stories from teachers all over the UK.

To My Sisters Live

Fri 27 Oct, 7pm
£27 - £23

Join your online sisters **Courtney Daniellan Boateng** and **Renée Kapuku**, the hosts and founders of the hit **To My Sisters** podcast, for the ultimate evening celebrating their third year of the sisterhood! After two sold-out live shows, a best-selling book and multiple global experiences, the girls are back with their flagship annual Live in London show.

This Paranormal Life

Sat 28 Oct, 7.30pm
£25

Every Tuesday, comedians and hosts **Rory Powers** and **Kit Grier Mulvenna** investigate a different paranormal case to try and find the truth inside the mystery. Since launching in 2017, the podcast has proved frighteningly popular, amassing over 17 million listens, winning both a British Podcast Award and an Irish Podcast Award, and now they're bringing the live show to Hackney!

Oliver Samuels in Teet An Tung

Sun 29 Oct, 7.30pm
£37.50

With co-stars **Audrey Reid**, **Deon Silvera** and **Tesfa Edwards**. Written by and starring the big man of comedy **Oliver Samuels**, this comedy play is full of spicy flavours and heats up like welcome Caribbean sunshine, delivering more laughs per minute than you've ever seen.

All Killa No Filla Live: Halloween Special

Tue 31 Oct, 8pm
£20

This is as much a Halloween tradition as ducking apples and warning kids not to trick or treat the weird neighbours. This year is extra special as the podcast turns ten! Join comedians **Rachel Fairburn** and **Kiri Pritchard-McLean** to celebrate, as they explore a shared passion, serial killers.

Aladdin

Sat 18 Nov - Sat 31 Dec, Times vary
£45 - £10

Join us on a journey to a magical world, as the much-loved tale of **Aladdin** flies into Hackney this festive season!

Aladdin dreams of finding love and making his fortune. When he discovers an enchanted lamp and meets a mysterious genie, it looks like all of his wishes are going to come true. But are they, or will forces of evil stand in the way...?

Directed by and starring **Clive Rowe** as Widow Twankey, expect an unbelievable cast, incredible costumes, uncontrollable laughter and song and dance numbers that are nothing short of genie-us!

[Four Stars]

“Clive Rowe... pantomime’s one true superstar”
Time Out on Mother Goose 2022

Coming Soon

Ed Gamble: Hot Diggity Dog

Tue 25 - Sat 29 Jun 2024, 7.30pm
£26

Ed Gamble has minced a load of meat (thoughts), piped it into a casing (show) and it's coming to a bun (venue) near you. There will be all your classic Gamble ranting, raving and spluttering but he's doing fine mentally. Promise.

Co-host of the award-winning mega-hit podcast **Off Menu** with James Acaster, judge on **Great British Menu**, **Taskmaster** champion and host of **Taskmaster the Podcast**, and with his own special **Blood Sugar** available worldwide on Amazon Prime.

Creative Futures

Free events and projects for young people aged 14-25.

Young Producers: Create Your Own Events

Every Tuesday, 6pm - 8pm
See website for details

A free training opportunity to create and organise your own events such as **River Stage**, **Pure Vibez** and **Alter Ego**. These free workshops will help you develop the creative and practical skills needed to put on the event that you want to see.

Readings From A Resistance

Fri 27 Oct, 7.30pm
See website for details

Join us for a celebration of community, power and resilience. Led by **Yamin Choudury** and **Ryan Matthews-Robinson**, this is a collaboration of young artists from across London, weaving together poetry, music and movement.

Entry For All: First Five

Wed 18 Oct, 7.30pm
See website for details

Hackney Empire Creative Futures are collaborating with poet Yomi Sode to bring you a very special First Five. Remember the book that changed your life? The inspirational figure that opened your eyes? The song you'll never forget? Now pick two books, two tracks and one person that define you and you've got your First Five. Featuring special guests and live music performances, this year's Entry For All is not to be missed.

For more Creative Futures opportunities, please see our website

Information

Box Office

Book tickets at: **hackneyempire.co.uk**

Our phone lines are open: **Mon - Fri 10am - 6pm**
(except Bank Holidays)

020 8985 2424

Our Box Office window is open for in person bookings:
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Booking fees: £1.20 per ticket online, £1.40 per ticket over the phone. No booking fees if booked in person.

291 Mare Street, London E8 1EJ

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Getting To Hackney Empire

Underground, Train: Hackney Central (just over 200m), Hackney Downs and London Fields (700m) all have frequent and direct links to the tube network.

Bus: 30, 38, 55, 106, 253, 254, 276, 394, D6, W15.

There's a bar on every level

We have a bar on every floor of the theatre, serving a range of drinks and snacks,

Come and visit us!

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Empire Local Hackney Empire Community Choir

**Every Thu 7pm - 9pm
Check website for current term dates
£5 £3 concs**

Well known for its infectious energy and joyous sound, everyone is welcome at Hackney Empire Community Choir! Led by Joseph Roberts in rehearsals.

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Become A Friend

As a registered charity Hackney Empire depends on the support of the people who love it.

From **£5** per month you'll receive a range of benefits that will take you right to the heart of our legendary venue. **Join us today!**

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