

UK's Top Comedians Set To Converge On The Lake District For Outdoor Laughs Galore

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Some of the UK's top comedians will be swapping the comfort of the stage for the rugged Lakeland landscape as part of Cumbria's biggest comedy festival.

Household names in comedy including Lee Evans, Omid Djalili, Lee Nelson, Arthur Smith and Lucy Porter will be converging on Kendal's Brewery Arts Centre for the annual Freerange Comedy Festival which takes over the town from 12-18 May.

The Freerange Comedy Festival is famous for staging comedy gigs in imaginative outdoor locations in the Lake District and in the four years it has been running has seen shows performed on mountain bikes in Grizedale Forest, on a high wire tree trek on the shores of Windermere, atop the summit of 321m peak Gummer's How and on sea cliff traverse overlooking Morecambe Bay.

This year will see the one of the originators of alternative comedy Arthur Smith lead 30 comedy fans on a five mile comedy ramble along the Western shores of Windermere before performing in the historic National Trust property Wray Castle near Ambleside (Sat 17 May at 1pm).

Another outdoor show will see madcap surrealist Bob Slayer take an audience into the depths of the Langdale Valley before staging a unique comedy club in a spectacular mystery location (Fri 16 May at 6pm). Following the gig, Bob will host an evening of comedy stories at the UK's only National Trust-run pub, The Sticklebarn Tavern at Great Langdale Sat 17 May 7.30pm).

The remainder of the festival will take place at the Brewery Arts Centre in Kendal and includes performances from:

- Omid Djalili – Mon 12 May. 8pm.
- Lloyd Langford – Tue 13 May. 8pm.
- Lucy Porter – Wed 14 May. 8pm
- Paul Chowdhry – Thu 15 May. 8pm
- Lee Nelson- Fri 16 May. 8pm
- Comedy Club 4 Kids – Sat 17 May. 2pm
- Doug Segal – Sat 17 May. 6pm
- Matt Richardson - Sat 17 May. 8pm
- Hal Cruttenden - Sat 17 May. 9pm
- The Birthday Girls - Sun 18 May. 6pm
- Arthur Smith - Sun 18 May. 7.30pm

Freerange Comedy Festival organizer Mike Jones said: "Over the last four years the Freerange Comedy Festival has earned a reputation as a unique event which takes some of the nation's best-known comedians out of their comfort zone and into the great outdoors.

"As well as producing some fantastic comedy moments, Freerange has also helped build the Brewery's reputation as a venue which helps us attract some of the biggest names in comedy to a small town in rural Cumbria."

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