BLACK MOUNTAINS COMEDY FESTIVAL

PROGRAMME 2026–2027



CRICKHOWELL • THE BLACK MOUNTAINS • WALES

LIGHT, WARMTH AND LAUGHTER
IN THE DARKNESS OF WINTER

19 DECEMBER 2026 • 2–6 FEBRUARY 2027

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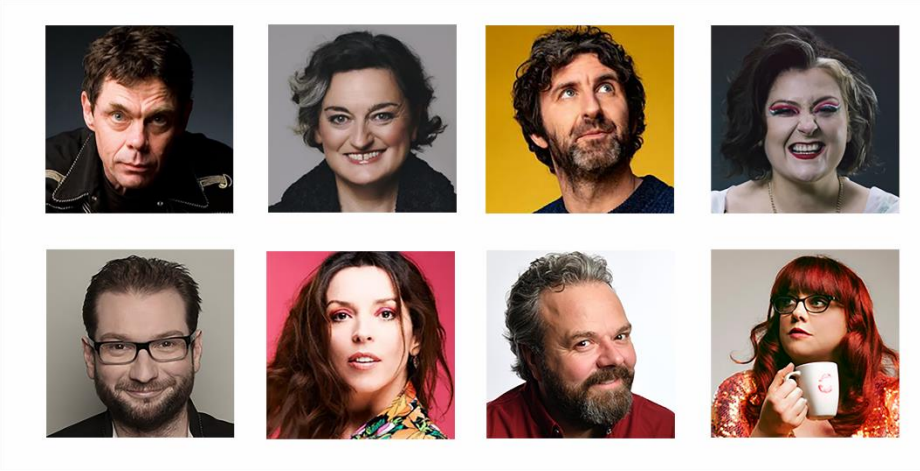
WELCOME TO THE BLACK MOUNTAINS COMEDY FESTIVAL

The Black Mountains are alive with events and visitors throughout the summer months, but winter has its own unique character. The Black Mountains Comedy Festival was created to bring light, warmth and laughter to the darker months of the year, giving local communities and visitors the chance to come together and enjoy great live entertainment.

The first Black Mountains Comedy Festival took place in 2020 and has grown steadily since then. We have welcomed nationally acclaimed comedians, emerging Welsh talent, family performers, community artists and creative practitioners to Crickhowell and the wider region. Our aim is simple: to combine brilliant live comedy with a genuine sense of place and community.

Today, the festival brings together headline comedy, family entertainment, Welsh-language comedy, fringe events, comedy magic and creative wellbeing activity. Audiences come from across Wales and beyond, while the festival keeps the friendly, welcoming atmosphere that makes the Black Mountains such a special place to visit.

Past Headliners



Mae gaeaf ym Mynyddoedd Duon yn arbennig i gyd ei hun. Mae Gŵyl Gomedi Mynyddoedd Duon yn dod â golau, gwres a chwerthin i fisoedd tywyllaf y flwyddyn, gan ddod â chymunedau ac ymwelwyr at ei gilydd i fwynhau adloniant byw gwych.

Ers ei lansio yn 2020, rydym wedi croesawu comedïwyr adnabyddus, sêr Cymraeg newydd, sioeau teuluol a pherfformwyr cymunedol i Grughywel a thu hwnt. O gomedi penawdau i nosweithiau Cymraeg, hwyl i'r teulu i hud comedi, mae rhywbeth i bawb — a hynny i gyd yn naws gynnes, groesawgar sy'n gwneud Mynyddoedd Duon mor arbennig.

> .***Whether this is your first festival or your seventh, we are delighted that you are joining us.***

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SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER • MATINEE

A CHRISTMAS FAMILY DOUBLE BILL

Two brilliant shows, one very silly afternoon!



KITSCH & SYNC COLLECTIVE

The Kringle Chronicles

Kitsch and Sync are back — and this time the elves are causing trouble! We're delighted to welcome the wonderful Kitsch and Sync Collective back to the Black Mountains Comedy Festival with their brand-new Christmas show, The Kringle Chronicles.

Expect silly slapstick, beautiful dance, music, mayhem and plenty of Christmas mischief. It's gentle, funny and completely family-friendly, with plenty to keep the grown-ups entertained too.

Kitsch and Sync will be doing walkabouts in the local towns in the run up to the festival.



DARRYL J CARRINGTON

Out of the Box

WINNER — BEST FAMILY FRIENDLY SHOW, BRIGHTON FRINGE 2025

What happens when you put a clown, a big box and a whole lot of ridiculous ideas together? This is visual comedy, circus skills and good old-fashioned silliness rolled into one wonderfully bonkers show.

Darryl is a brilliant non-verbal performer. Expect amazing tricks, physical comedy, surprises and a finale involving a toothbrush that you really have to see to believe.

VENUE & TICKETS

VENUE	**Clarence Hall, Crickhowell**
DOORS	**1:00pm • Finish approx. 3:30pm**
TICKETS	**£8.00 adult or child • £22.00 family ticket**

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DYDD MAWRTH 2 CHWEFROR

GOMEDI CYMRAEG

Steffan Evans, Sion Owens, Eleri Morgan, Dan Thomas



STEFFAN EVANS

MC

Dechreuodd Steffan ei yrfa comedi ym mis Tachwedd 2015.[1] Mae'n perfformio mewn nosweithiau meic agored i sesiynau mewn sioeau proffesiynnol ar draws Cymru a thu hwnt.



SION OWENS

Gwyneb cyfarwydd i'r byd gomedi erbyn hyn, ma Siôn Owens llawn straeon am ei helyntion yn tyfu fyny yng Ngahernarfon, a ddim ofn cyfaddef ei fod o'n aml yn neud ffwl o'i hyn. Wedi ymddangos ar 'Gala'r Goreuon' (S4C) a 'Vandullz' (BBC1) a 'Fy Nhro Cyntaf' (BBC Sounds).



ELERI MORGAN

Mae Eleri yn comediwraig o ganolbarth Cymru. Mae hi wedi perfformio gigs dros ledled prydain, gan gynnwys; Gwyl Caeredyn, Machynlleth a Gŵyl Gomedi Aberystwyth. chwaraeodd hi'r cymeriad “Gwen” yn y Sitcom ‘Tourist Trap’ ar BBC One Wales.



DAN THOMAS

Mae Dan Thomas yn wyneb cyfarwydd ar gylched gomedi’r DU a thu hwnt. Mae e wedi perfformio ledled Ewrop ac wedi ymddangos ar raglenni fel ‘Gwerthu Allan’ ar S4C a ‘Stand-Yp’ a ‘Tourist Trap’ ar BBC 1.

LLEOLIAD A THICEDAU

LLEOLIAD / VENUE	**Antur Brewery Co, Crickhowell**
DRYSAU / DOORS	**7:30pm • Sioe / show 8:00pm–10:30pm**
TOCYNNAU / TICKETS	**£15.00**

WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

COMEDY MAGIC

Jasper Blakeley — Magician, Mind Reader, Comedian



JASPER BLAKELEY

Magician • Mind Reader • Comedian

Jasper Blakeley is one of the best-regarded comedy magic and mind-reading performers in the UK. For almost twenty-five years, he has worked as a headline stand-up comic, performed in front of large festival audiences and developed a reputation for world-class close-up and cabaret magic.

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MAGICIAN • MIND READER • COMEDIAN

An Associate Member of The Magic Circle with Silver Star, Jasper has launched supercars with comedy magic, appeared in a multi-million-dollar illusion show at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, performed a one-man show at the Edinburgh Fringe and created ten full-length solo shows for The Small Space Theatre in Barry.



VENUE & TICKETS

VENUE	**Antur Brewery Co, Crickhowell**
DOORS	**7:30pm • Show 8:00pm–10:30pm**
TICKETS	**£16.00**

THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY

FRINGE NIGHT & STAND UP 4 WELLBEING

Comedy meets wellbeing — laughter for good.



HUW DAVIES.

MC

A brilliant comedian and experienced MC, Huw brings energy, warmth and plenty of laughs. He is the founder of Aberlaugh, the popular monthly comedy night at The King's Head in Abergavenny.



EVA BINDERMAN

An award-winning comedian with a warm, conversational style. Eva won Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year 2024 and has appeared on BBC One's New Comedy Awards.



TERRY MYNOTT

A highly accomplished impressionist and character comedian, Terry combines an extraordinary range of voices with sharp observational comedy. He is particularly well known for The Mimic.



STAND UP 4 WELLBEING

Over the past year, the Stand Up 4 Wellbeing project has brought people together through comedy-writing and performance workshops exploring the positive impact laughter can have on wellbeing. Tonight, the participants take to the stage alongside professional comedians.

VENUE & TICKETS

VENUE	**To Be Confirmed / Antur or Clarence Hall**
DOORS	**7:30pm • Show 8:00pm–10:30pm**
TICKETS	**£16.00 – £22.00**

FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY

FRIDAY NIGHT COMEDY

Rachel Fairburn & Friends



RACHEL FAIRBURN

A distinctive voice on the UK comedy circuit and a star of Live at the Apollo and Comedy Central Live. Rachel combines sharp observational comedy with a brilliantly dark sense of humour and is co-host and co-writer of All Killa No Filla.



MARK CRAM

MC

An all-rounder with a killer set and strong MCing chops, Marc brings a unique take on the LGBT community.



SEETA WRIGHTSON

Bradford-born and Leeds-based, Seeta is a BBC New Comedy Awards Semi-Finalist with a lively stage presence, honest storytelling and a wonderfully chaotic view of the world.



CARWYN BLAYNEY

Ceredigion-born comedian, actor and writer, now based in London. Carwyn combines sharp writing with character comedy.

VENUE & TICKETS

VENUE	**Clarence Hall, Crickhowell**
DOORS	**7:30pm • Show 8:00pm–10:30pm**
TICKETS	**£28.00 – £40.00**

LIVE CAPTIONED

SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY

THE FESTIVAL FINALE

Marcus Brigstocke and friends



MARCUS BRIGSTOCKE

One of the UK's best-known comedians, writers and performers, with a career spanning stand-up, television, radio and theatre. His credits include Live at the Apollo, Have I Got News for You, QI, Mock the Week,



ROSS SMITH

MC

A comedian, actor, writer and festival regular, Ross returns as our Saturday night MC. His relaxed, personable style combines clever wordplay, contemporary observations and self-deprecating humour.



ESTHER MANITO

An award-winning comedian and writer known for sharp observations, fearless storytelling and a brilliantly dry take on everyday life. Her television credits include Live at the Apollo, The Stand Up Sketch Show and Hypothetical.



ROMAN HARRIS

An exciting new voice on the British comedy circuit, combining sharp observational humour and personal stories with a cheeky edge. Roman won Leicester Square Theatre New Comedian of the Year in 2025.

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DOORS	**7:30pm • Show 8:00pm–10:30pm**
TICKETS	**£28.00 – £40.00**

LIVE CAPTIONED

THE PROGRAMME

AT A GLANCE

A winter gathering of stand-up, family comedy, comedy magic, Welsh-language performance and our Stand Up 4 Wellbeing showcase.

SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER 2026

A Christmas Family Double Bill

Out of the Box + The Kringle Chronicles

Clarence Hall, Crickhowell

Doors 1:00pm • Finish approx. 3:30pm

£8.00 Single • £22.00 Family

TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2027

Steffan Evans, Dan Thomas, Eleri Morgan, Sion Owens

Noson Gomedi Cymraeg Welsh-language stand-up night

Antur Brewery Co, Crickhowell

Doors 7:30pm • Show 8:00pm–10:30pm

£15.00

WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2027

Jasper Blakeley

Magician • Mind Reader • Comedian

Antur Brewery Co, Crickhowell

Doors 7:30pm • Show 8:00pm–10:30pm

£16.00



THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2027

Fringe & Stand Up 4 Wellbeing Showcase

MC Huw Davies • Eva Binderman • Terry Mynott • Stand up 4 wellbeing Artists.

Clarence Hall, Crickhowell

Doors 7:30pm • Show 8:00pm–10:30pm

£16.00 – £22.00

FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2027

Rachel Fairburn & Support

MC Marc Cram • Seeta Wrightson • Carwyn Blayney

Clarence Hall, Crickhowell

Doors 7:30pm • Show 8:00pm–10:30pm

£28.00 – £40.00

SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2027

Marcus Brigstocke & Support Festival Finale

Marcus Brigstocke • MC Ross Smith • Esther Manito • Roman Harris

Clarence Hall, Crickhowell

Doors 7:30pm • Show 8:00pm–10:30pm

£28.00 – £40.00



All evening shows: doors 7:30pm for an 8:00pm start.

BEYOND THE STAGE

COMEDY, COMMUNITY & WELLBEING

The Black Mountains Comedy Festival is about much more than watching great comedians on stage.

Through outreach and wellbeing projects we use comedy as a way to bring people together, build confidence, encourage creativity and promote positive mental wellbeing.

STAND UP 4 WELLBEING

Over the past year participants have taken part in comedy-writing, performance and confidence-building workshops, exploring the positive role that humour can play in everyday life. The project culminates in a live showcase alongside professional performers at the festival.



Care home outreach.

Recent outreach activity has included:

- Comedy and creative activities in 8 local care home settings
- Community-based wellbeing initiatives
- Workshops and participation opportunities for local schools and residents
- Activities supporting refugee and newly arrived communities
- Opportunities for emerging Welsh performers



We believe laughter belongs to everyone — and every ticket purchased helps support the continuation of this work.

SUPPORT THE FESTIVAL

SPONSORS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Black Mountains Comedy Festival is presented by Blas Cyfryngau Cymru CBC, a Community Interest Company (CIC). We believe a festival can do more than put great performers on a stage: it can create opportunities, bring people together and make a positive difference in the community.

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Alongside the festival programme, we develop community and wellbeing projects, including comedy workshops, creative activities in care settings, opportunities for local residents and emerging Welsh performers, and projects designed to improve access to live entertainment.

We are looking for sponsors and community partners who would like to help us grow this work. Support can help us deliver outreach projects, keep events accessible, provide opportunities for local artists and volunteers, and bring more live comedy and creative activity into the community.

If your organisation would like to support the festival, work with us on a community project, sponsor an event or become a festival partner, we would love to hear from you.

BECOME A FESTIVAL SPONSOR OR COMMUNITY PARTNER

Contact us through bmfestivals.com to find out more.



BOOKING & INFORMATION

Tickets, updates and full event information

Please check the online ticket listings for the latest prices, venue information, accessibility details and any programme updates.

All evening shows: doors open 7:30pm for an 8:00pm start. Bar and refreshments available at every venue.

VENUE LOCATIONS

Clarence Hall
///games.cuff.loom • Crickhowell

Antur Brewery Co
///outlooks.headliner.survive • www.anturbrew.com

Britannia Inn
///broadens.rejoiced.poets • Crickhowell

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