

Edinburgh Festival Fringe – Tickling Jock by Night



**SUSAN CALMAN & FORBES MASSON, A.L KENNEDY & JOHN BYRNE HEAD
FRINGE LINEUP FOR TWO SPECIAL PORTRAIT GALLERY EVENTS**

Tickling Jock: By Night

Wednesdays 7 & 21 August 2013

18.30 – 20.30pm

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The Scottish National Portrait Gallery have announced the line-up for two special events at the gallery during the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

The events, which turn the neo-gothic sandstone Edinburgh landmark into a comedy club, will have three separate performance spaces for each two-hour after-work event. The events have been inspired by the [Scottish comedy greats exhibition, *Tickling Jock*](#), currently on show at the Portrait Gallery.

Susan Calman and **Forbes Masson** are confirmed as the headline *In Conversation With* for Wednesday August the 7th. Calman, the Glasgow based comic known for regular appearances on BBC Radio 4's The News Quiz and QI, is also appearing this year at the Stand Comedy Club with new solo show *Always (A Work In Progress)*. Forbes Masson takes time out from his hectic West End theatre schedule for a one-off appearance at the 2013 Festival Fringe with the National Galleries. Masson, famed as one half of Victor & Barry with Alan Cumming, will be chatting with Susan Calman about the Scottish comedy greats

that inspired him, and reminiscing about childhood visits to the theatre to see Rikki Fulton and Jack Milroy's Francie & Josie. The *In Conversation With* will take place under the starry sky of our Great Hall after **Des Clarke** and **Scott Agnew** perform a special Francie & Josie tribute. This is a unique opportunity to see two Scottish performers at the top of their game chatting about their comedy icons.



David Kay



Sally Anne Hayward



Forbes Masson

The Comedy Café will feature over an hour of stand-up from the best on the festival 2013 including '*the best kept secret on the fringe*' **John Robins**, Stewart Lee's alternative comedy pick and Scot **David Kay**, the fringe's favourite Frenchman **Marcel Lu Cont** and **Benny the Human Jukebox** whose 90s pop megamix on the melodica has over 2million hits on youtube.

Writer and comic **A.L Kennedy** will appear on 21 August 2013 to talk about her Scottish comedy greats from Ivor Cutler to Billy Connolly, *In Conversation With* artist and playwright **John Byrne**; expect a lively chat and an

entertaining half hour from the two great Scots. In the Comedy Café, Edinburgh's **Jo Caulfield**, introduces a line-up including **Sally-Anne Hayward**, **Markus Birdman** and **Simon Munnery**. **Scott Agnew** returns to *By Night* to perform as Chic Murray.

On both nights in the [Tickling Jock exhibition space](#) **Susan Morrison** will be reprising parts of her Edinburgh History Festival comedy lecture Gigging Jock.

More acts for both evenings will be announced in the lead up to the events on the National Galleries official [twitter](#) and [facebook](#) pages.

Tickets are available from [edfringe.com](#) 0131 226 0000 and from the information desk at the [Scottish National Gallery on the Mound](#) or by calling 0131 624 6560.