

EMBARGOED UNTIL 12PM TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2019

FLIP FABRIQUE'S *TRANSIT*, GINA YASHERE, SONS OF PITCHES & GUILTY FEMINIST AMONGST MORE SHOWS SET FOR UNDERBELLY FESTIVAL 2019

- **Cariad Lloyd's *GriefCast*, 300th episode of *An Irishman Abroad* and Angelos & Barry set for first ever Podcast Live**
- **Yashere joined by Late Night Gimp Fight, Phil Wang, Sindhu Vee & Lost Voice Guy on comedy programme**
- **Le Gateau Chocolat, Hans and Mariah & Friendz amongst star-studded cabaret offering**
- **CBeebies' *Twirlywoos* joins family programme which kicks off with Family Fest during the Easter Holidays and continues throughout the festival**

Underbelly Festival Southbank's 2019 programme is shaping up to be its most exciting and diverse to date, with over forty more shows added to the line-up today bringing some of the very best circus, comedy, cabaret, variety, live podcasting and family entertainment to the banks of the Thames.

Flip Fabrique, the Quebecois company whose style is a totally unique mix of joyous free-play, high-concept theatrics and an array of first-class circus skills, return to the Southbank with ***Transit*** - a viruallly arresting, thrillingly high-octane circus show with an enigmatic and engrossing subtext throughout which the performers' ruminations on their own careers raise questions about the transient nature of life itself. (27 May – 7 July)

Also set for the Southbank are **Sons of Pitches** – the acapella and beatbox group who shot to fame as winners of BBC 2's *The Naked Choir* and will be showcasing their astonishing singing talent and innovative vocal arrangements at Underbelly Festival for the first time. (6-8 May)

Some of the biggest names in comedy will also be joining the bill, with *The Daily Show's* UK correspondent and international stand-up sensation **Gina Yashere** dropping in from 21-23 June.

Before then there's a chance to catch **Sindhu Vee** (14 Apr) – the Indian comic who has also lived in the Philippines, the USA, Canada and the UK and is one of the finest truly international voices in stand-up, Underbelly Festival legend **Jason Byrne** (10-11 May), infamous sketch troupe **Late Night Gimp Fight** whose shamelessly dark, anarchic and experimental style has won them a huge cult following (24 May), Masters of Gaulier-inflected clown comedy **Zach & Viggo** with **Thunderflop** (29 May), and **Phil Wang** (30-31 May) – one of the most distinctive and hilarious young performers on the stand-up circuit and a superstar in the making.

Comedy performance will be running throughout the festival with acts announced for later in the summer including *Britain's Got Talent* 2018 winner **Lost Voice Guy**, making his Underbelly Festival Southbank debut. (10-11 Sep)

Underbelly Festival has also built a reputation in recent years as one of the London's finest cabaret venues, and 2019 is shaping up to be an all-star line-up, including one-of-a-kind performer **Le Gateau Chocolat** performing **Icons** – a journey through the galaxy of divas and superstars who shaped Gateau's one of a kind style and fabulously metamorphosing singing voice (10-13 April), the Rat Pack of Drag **Mariah & Friendz** (11 July) and the provocative, explosively energetic and uproariously funny **Hans** (4 Sep).

In June Underbelly Festival will present a brand-new programming strand **Podcast Live** – two weeks dedicated to taking some of the most entertaining chatterers in the world from your earphones to the stage.

Podcast fans who can't wait until June for a fix will have their appetites whetted with a live recording Deborah Francis-White's iconic **Guilty Feminist in the Belly Theatre** on 11 April, with acts announced for Podcast Live! today including **Cariad Lloyd's** paradigm-shifting series on loss and how we rebuild **GriefCast** (6 June), legendary comedy double act **Angelos & Barry** (7 June) and the 300th episode of **An Irishman Abroad** (15 June)

Underbelly Festival will present its most extensive ever family line-up this year, kicking off with Family Fest throughout the Easter Holidays and continuing for the length of the festival with acts announced today including maritime sketch comedy madness from **The Noise Next Door: At Sea!**, a post Brexit **How Does This Politics Things Work Then?** (which could benefit a few of the 'grown-ups across the river if recent events are anything to go by), and the first ever stage adaptation of a CBeebies smash hit: **Twirlywoos Live!** - in which the producers of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show* bring your favourite characters to life with beautifully innovative puppetry, mischief, music and plenty of surprises. (3-31 August)

Now in its 11th year on the Southbank in the heart of the world's cultural capital, Underbelly Festival has become a staple of London's live entertainment scene – the original, biggest and best pop-up festival providing world class performance at affordable prices across two distinctive and atmospheric venues, a sumptuous array of street food and drinks, and some of London's finest outdoor bars.

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About Underbelly

Underbelly is a UK based live entertainment company. Their events and festivals division is one of the largest operations at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, selling over 460,000 tickets for over 200 shows, in 22 venues over 25 days in 2018.

2018 was the sixth year Underbelly produced Edinburgh's Christmas for City of Edinburgh Council (2017/18 saw a record breaking 781,520 tickets issued to visitors from 47 different countries), and the second year of producing Edinburgh's Hogmanay also on behalf of City of Edinburgh Council, which in 2017-18 welcomed 160,000 over 3 days.

2019 marks the eleventh year of Underbelly Festival on the Southbank - one of the biggest multi-arts offerings in London - with over 100 shows programmed over 6 months on the South Bank.

Underbelly also produces Christmas in Leicester Square, Underbelly Festival in Hong Kong, West End Live in Trafalgar Square for Westminster City Council and the Society of London Theatre.

Underbelly Productions is the theatrical arm of Underbelly, presenting, producing and promoting a diverse programme of international work. In 2017, in association with Cameron Mackintosh, they produced a major revival of the classic musical Five Guys Named Moe, which ran for 30 weeks at the purpose-built Marble Arch Theatre. This scorching production garnered rave reviews and was nominated for 3 Whats On Stage Awards (including Best Musical Revival) and as Best Entertainment and Family at the 2018 Olivier Awards. In 2017 they were also Associate Producers on the UK Premiere of the musical Big Fish starring Kelsey Grammar, which enjoyed a sold-out Christmas run at The Other Palace. As part of the 2018 Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Don't Tell Me Not to Fly a one-woman cabaret featuring a revolving cast of some of the West End's favourite leading ladies premiered in the 900-seat McEwan Hall.

In 2018 Underbelly sold over 1.5 million tickets to their various events.

LISTINGS

Alison Spittle Makes A Show of Herself

Genre: Comedy

Dates and Time: 09/07/19 19:30

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

Angelos Epithemiou & Barry From Watford: The All New Angelos and Barry Show: Live podcast

Genre: Podcast

Dates and Time: 7/6/19 21:15

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

An Irishman Abroad: 300th Episode

Genre: Podcast

Dates and Time: 15/06/19 19:45

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £14.50 (£13)

Arr We There Yet?

Genre: Family

Dates and Time: 22/6/19 13:00, 23/6/19 13:00

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Spiegeltent

Ticket Prices: £10 (£35 Family of 4)

Eglantyne Whitechapel: Supernatural Detective

Genre: Podcast

Dates and Time: 9/6/19 15:15

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Spiegeltent

Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

Films to be Buried With with Brett Goldstein

Genre: Podcast

Dates and Time: 8/6/19 13:00

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

Flo And Joan

Genre: Comedy

Dates and Time: 29/6/19 19:45

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

Gina Yashere: Still Funkin' Funny

Genre: Comedy

Dates and Time: 21/06/19 21:15, 22/06/19 19:45, 23/06/19 19:45

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £18.50 (£17) 21/06/19 & 22/06/19, £16.50 (£15) 23/06/29

Griefcast

Genre: Podcast

Dates and Time: 6/6/19 21:30

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Spiegeltent

Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

How Does This Politics Thing Work Then?

Genre: Family

Dates and Time: 30/05/19 13:00, 31/05/19 13:00

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £10 (£35 Family of 4)

Hypernova

Genre: Cabaret & Variety

Dates and Time: 17/7/19 21.30

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Spiegeltent

Ticket Prices: £15.50 (£14)

Ivy Paige - Queen of The Swingers

Genre: Cabaret & Variety

Dates and Time: 13/06/19 21:30

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Spiegeltent

Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

James Phelan - Trickster

Genre: Comedy

Dates and Time: 16/5/19 21:15

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £18 (£16.50)

Jason Byrne: Wrecked but Ready

Genre: Comedy

Dates and Time: 10/5/19 19:30, 11/5/19 18:00

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £19.50 (£18)

Jock Tamson's Bairns

Genre: Cabaret and Variety

Time: 19/6/19 21:30

Runtime: 75 mins

Venue: The Spiegeltent
Ticket Prices: £14 (£12.50)

Le Gateau Chocolat's ICONS

Genre: Cabaret & Variety
Dates and Time: 10/4/19 19.45, 11/4/19 19.45, 12/4/19 19.45, 13/4/19 19.45
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Spiegeltent
Ticket Prices: £17.50 (£16)

La Voix - Live, Loud & Fabulous

Genre: Cabaret & Variety
Dates and Time: 20/05/19 19:45
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Spiegeltent
Ticket Prices: £17.50 (£16)

Lost Voice Guy: I'm Only In It For The Parking

Genre: Comedy
Dates and Time: 10/9/19 21:30, 11/9/19 21:30
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Spiegeltent
Ticket Prices: £18 (£16.50)

Maisie Adams

Genre: Comedy
Dates and Time: 9/9/19 19:45
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Spiegeltent
Ticket Prices: £13.50 (£12)

Marcel Lucont - No DiX

Genre: Cabaret & Variety
Dates and Time: 27/6/19 21:15
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Belly
Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

Mariah & Friendz

Genre: Cabaret & Variety
Dates and Time: 11/7/19 21:30
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Spiegeltent
Ticket Prices: £15.50 (£14)

Myra Dubois: Dead Funny

Genre: Cabaret & Variety
Dates and Time: 26/9/19 21.15

Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Spiegeltent
Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

Norris & Parker: Burn The Witch

Genre: Comedy
Dates and Time: 22/5/19 21:30
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Spiegeltent
Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

Norris & Parker's Sketch Therapy Podcast LIVE

Genre: Podcast
Dates and Time: 1/6/19 15.30
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Spiegeltent
Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

Notflix

Genre: Comedy
Dates and Time: 19/4/19 21:15, 20/4/19 19:45
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Belly
Ticket Prices: £15.50 (£14)

Phil Wang

Genre: Comedy
Dates and Time: 30/5/19 21:15, 31/5/19 21:15
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Belly
Ticket Prices: £15 (£13.50)

Phoenix Arts Club is now: Soho on the Southbank: 30 Years of the Phoenix Arts Club

Genre: Cabaret & Variety
Dates and Time: 9/8/19 21:30
Runtime: 90 mins
Venue: The Spiegeltent
Ticket Prices: £15.50 (£14)

Positive Runway Pride Fashion Week

Genre: Cabaret & Variety
Dates and Time: 1/7/19 19:45
Runtime: 80 mins
Venue: The Spiegeltent
Ticket Prices: £15.50 (£14)

Pussy Liquor's Kitty Glitter

Genre: Cabaret & Variety

Dates and Time: 31/05/19 21:30

Runtime: 120 mins

Venue: The Spiegeltent

Ticket Prices: £15.50 (£14)

Rubbish Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet

Genre: Family

Dates and Time: 21/04/19 13:15

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Spiegeltent

Ticket Prices: £10 (£35 Family of 4)

Sindhu Vee: Sandhog

Genre: Comedy

Dates and Time: 14/04/19 19:45

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £15.50 (£14)

Sons of Pitches

Genre: Music

Dates and Time: 6/5/19 19:30, 7/5/19 19:30, 8/5/19 19:30

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £17.50 (£16)

Spark London: Simply The Best

Genre: Podcast

Dates and Time: 12/6/19 21:30

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Spiegeltent

Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

The FOC IT UP! (Femmes of Colour) Comedy Club

Genre: Comedy

Dates and Time: 14/6/19 21:15

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

The Guilty Feminist: Live Podcast

Genre: Podcast

Dates and Time: 11/4/19 21:15

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £15.50 (£14)

The Mighty Boy Comedy Night - in Aid of The Silas Pullen Fund

Genre: Comedy
Dates and Time: 5/6/19 21:15
Runtime: 90 mins
Venue: The Belly
Ticket Prices: £50

The Noise Next Door: At Sea!

Genre: Family
Dates and Time: 30/6/19 15:00
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Belly
Ticket Prices: £10 (£35 Family Ticket of 4)

The Noise Next Door's Comedy Lock In

Genre: Comedy
Dates and Time: 23/5/19 21:15
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Belly
Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

Tiff Stevenson: Mother

Genre: Comedy
Dates and Time: 16/9/19 19:45
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Spiegeltent
Ticket Prices: £13.50 (£12)

Timberlina & Dr Aspalls: Agitated Piano Cabaret

Genre: Cabaret & Variety
Dates and Time: 24/4/19 21:30
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Spiegeltent
Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

Transit

Genre: Circus
Time: 7.30pm weekdays, 2.30pm Saturdays, 6pm Weekend.
Runtime: 60 mins
Venue: The Belly
Dates: 27/5/19 – 7/7/19 (no Mondays after 27/5)
Ticket Prices: £15 Previews, £19.50 Weekday, £22.50 Weekend

Twirlywoos

Genre: Family
Dates and Time: 3/8/19 – 31/8/19 (no Mondays). 11am daily, additional 2pm Thurs – Sun.
Runtime: 55 mins
Venue: The Spiegeltent

Ticket Prices: £10 (Day Seats), £92 (Booths), £14.50 (Stalls), £28.50 (Cushions)

Zach Zucker: Jack Tucker: COmedy Standup Hour

Genre: Comedy

Dates and Time: 4/7/19 21:15

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)

Zach & Viggo: Thunderflop

Genre: Comedy

Dates and Time: 29/5/19 21:15

Runtime: 60 mins

Venue: The Belly

Ticket Prices: £12.50 (£11)