



Photo: Laugh Out London

GROTTO @ THE HoHo THEATRE

A festive celebration of independent comedy

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1 - 21 December
27c Throgmorton Street, London EC2

Last year a collective of independent comedy types took over an ancient and empty City institution to create London's most exciting Christmas Pop-Up - affectionately known as The HoHo Theatre (**Critic's Choice - Time Out**).

This year they're back in the same glorious creative space and with an even bigger and better line up that includes some of the biggest and hottest award-winning names in comedy.

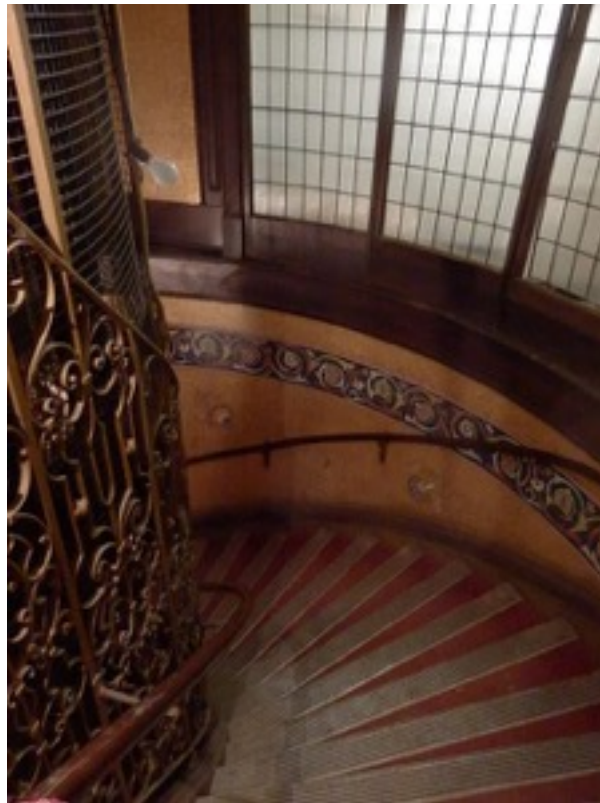
Among those confirmed so far:

**Stewart Lee ~ Josie Long ~ Harry Hill
Richard Herring ~ Boothby Graffoe
Jon Richardson ~ Lloyd Langford ~ Dan Atkinson
Weirdos Alternative Panto ~ Robert Newman
Henning Wehn ~ Isy Suttie ~ Arthur Smith
Tony Law ~ Nick Helm ~ Spencer Jones ~ John Kearns
Bearpit ~ Comedians Cinema Club ~ This is Your Trial &
Tim Fitzhigham
Alternative Comedy Memorial Society ~ Rachel
Parris ~ Bec Hill
Mr B The Gentleman Rhymer ~ Topping & Butch
And your host Bob Slayer (aka Santageddon)**

Curator, comedian and comedy bus driver Bob Slayer (aka Santageddon for the duration of the Grotto) said:

“This is proper comedy! No evil bankers or Christmas parties allowed - so it makes perfect sense to locate it right in the heart of world’s most important banking and financial centre. We like a challenge! We like to subvert! We love pies!”

What goodies are in Santageddon's sack? Follow him down the venue's stairway to HoHo heaven...



ABOUT THE SPACE

27c Throgmorton Street, London EC2N 2AQ
(email us back if you would like a tour – it's a very special venue!)

Once the flagship of J. Lyons & Co Tea Rooms, Maggie Thatcher worked here as a food scientist, and, for the best part of a century, it was the unofficial boardroom of the financial community. The building has been empty for years but retains the faded opulence of former days: marble, wood panelling and a gracefully curved staircase inlaid with a rich gold mosaic.

The venue itself is not to be missed, and on Sun 13 Dec it can be explored with **Santageddon Ghost Tours!**

SANTAGEDDON'S PIE FESTIVAL

Santageddon aka Bob Slayer & his Elves, (hijacked from Whitleys of Bayswater!) will also be serving a festival of seasonal gourmet pies, craft beers, mulled wine and gin! Do you love gin? We love gin... and pies!

It Ain't HoHoHo-ver! (AfterParty)

Late License every night along with a variety of themed aftershow happenings.



ABOUT BOB SLAYER

Rock n' Roll manager turned award-winning idiot, Bob Slayer is an irreverent performer and innovative promoter of Pop-Up Fringe venues around The UK under the banner

Heroes of Fringe. He's also now a full-time, part-time bus driver of the BlundaBus mobile venue!

GET ON BOARD The BlundaBus!

www.blundabus.com

Heroes of Fringe

www.heroesoffringe.com

@bobslayer

www.bobslayer.com

-Winner: Malcolm Hardee Award, Barry Award, Liberty Award...

*'Absurdist storyteller, promoter and spirit of the fringe' **The Guardian** (and now he's bought a Double Decker Bus!)*

*'Eccentric promoter and champion of creative independence' **The Scotsman***

ABOUT WEIRDOS

<http://www.weirdoscomedy.com>

The Weirdos Collective – run by absurdist comic Adam Larter – has been churning out experimental, outlandish (and, to some, baffling) stand-up and theatre shows since 2010. The annual Alternative Panto is cast from some of the most exciting up and coming stand-up comedians. John Kearns, who starred in the 2012 production, Hook, went on to win Fosters (previously Perrier) Best Newcomer at the Fringe 2013 and followed this up with Best Show in 2014.

'The closest thing we have to a modern day comic strip'

Chortle.co.uk

'A triumph of inventive silliness that has raised thousands for Great Ormond Street Hospital' **Time Out**

ABOUT LAUGH OUT LONDON

<http://laughoutlondoncomedyclub.co.uk>

Laugh Out London comedy club started running comedy nights across London in 2011. ('Third best comedy club in London' - Time Out). LOL nights include the best established acts on the circuit mixed with the most exciting up and coming comics.

'Consistently excellent bills at a remarkably cheap price'
Time Out

'Bob's Grotto is kicking Christmas in the Dick!'

Nick Helm

'What larks. The Grotto is a splendid locale for a festive recital.'

Mr B The Gentleman Rhymer

'It looks like it needs a deep clean.'

John Richardson

LISTING INFO - with web links for acts:

Tue 1 Dec

7pm - **Grotto Launch: Comedians Pub Quiz (FREE)**

Thu 3 Dec

7pm - **Richard Herring: Happy Now?** (£9 or £14 double bill)

<http://www.richardherring.com>

9pm - **Boothby Graffoe & special guest Nick Pynn** (£9 or £14 double bill)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/comedy/boothbygraffoe.shtml>

<http://www.nickpynn.co.uk>

Fri 4 Dec

7pm - **Bearpit Podcast (podcast): Season 2** (£5)

<http://www.theinvisible.com/events/261-the-bearpit-podcast-podcast>

Sat 5 Dec

6pm - **Short Com Ye Faithful** (£5 Pay What You Want or £7 double bill)

<http://www.shortcom.co.uk/Shortcom/Home.html>

Hosted by **Bec Hill** - <http://www.bechillcomedian.com>

8pm - **Comedians Cinema Club Do Frozen!** (£5 or £7 double bill)

<http://www.comedianscinemaclub.com>

Tue 8 Dec

7:45pm **Weirdos for Christmas Number 1: An Alternative Panto** (£10)

<http://www.weirdoscomedy.com>

Photos: <https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B7qUXTWJluxpRTZmaIVWeGRuM0k&usp=sharing>

Wed 9 Dec

7:45pm - **Weirdos for Christmas Number 1: An Alternative Panto** (£10)

<http://www.weirdoscomedy.com>

Thu 10 Dec

7:45pm - **Weirdos for Christmas Number 1: An Alternative Panto** (£10)

<http://www.weirdoscomedy.com>

Fri 11 Dec

7:45pm - **Weirdos for Christmas Number 1: An Alternative Panto** (£10)

<http://www.weirdoscomedy.com>

Sat 12 Dec

7pm **GIT: Jon Richardson, Lloyd Langford & Dan Atkinson** (£10)

<http://www.gitshow.co.uk/page1/page1.html>

Sun 13 Dec

3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, 11pm,
Midnight

Santageddon Ghost Tour: HoHo Theatre Backstage
(£5/£3)

Mon 14 Dec

7pm - **Mr B The Gentleman Rhymer: HoHo Hop** (£7 or
£10 double bill)

<http://www.gentlemanrhymer.com>

9pm - **Topping & Butch: A Finger In Every Pie!** (£7 or £10
double bill)

<http://toppingandbutch.com>

Wed 16 Dec

7pm - **Ellis & Rose's Brainwash Club with Tony Law (£5)**

<http://ellisandrose.com/gig/>

<http://www.mrtonylaw.com>

Thu 17 Dec

7pm - **This Is Your Trial: Josie Long, Arthur Smith, Tim Fitzhigham (£7)**

<http://thisisyourlaugh.co.uk/trial/>

Fri 18 Dec

7pm - **Laugh Out London's Big Christmas Weekend for Shelter (£12)**

<http://laughoutlondoncomedyclub.co.uk>

Stewart Lee - <http://www.stewartlee.co.uk>

Harry Hill

LetLuce - <http://unitedagents.co.uk/letluce>

Spencer Jones - <http://www.thespencerjones.co.uk>

Henning Wehn - <http://www.henningwehn.de>

MC - TBC

Sat 19 Dec

7pm - **Laugh Out London's Big Christmas Weekend for Shelter** (£12)

<http://laughoutlondoncomedyclub.co.uk>

Headliner TBC

John Kearns - <http://www.pbjmanagement.co.uk/artists/john-kearns>

Robert Newman - <http://www.robnewman.com>

Isy Suttie - <http://www.isysuttie.com>

Rachel Parris - <http://rachelparris.com>

MC - TBC

Sun 20 Dec

7pm - **Alternative Christmas Memorial Society #ACMS** (£5)

<http://noblefailure.org>

Mon 21 Dec

7pm - **Nick Helm's Christmas Fuckfest** (£10)

<http://nick-helm.co.uk>

VENUE

Grotto @ The HoHo Theatre

27c Throgmorton Street, London EC2N 2AQ

Nearest tube: Bank

BOX OFFICE www.buytickets.at/grotto

IMAGES <http://tinyurl.com/oj53s46>

From last year's festival: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/diamondgeyser/sets/72157647138837913>

OUR CHARITIES

Shelter - www.shelter.org.uk

Great Ormond Street Hospital - www.gosh.org

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