

Prepare to be flipping well entertained!



Comedians Beer Mat Flipping Championship

Eight top comedians compete to be the Champion Beer Mat Flipper 2025!

****Features World Record attempt****

****Guests confirmed so far include Phil Wang, Rosie Jones and Helen Bauer****

**Friday 31st January, 2025
Pleasance London**

Comedians **Sikisa** (*Live At The Apollo, The Stand Up Sketch Show*) and **Stuart Laws** (nominee Leicester Comedy Festival Best Show, Comedian Choice Best Show) host comedy's premier sporting event - eight comics competing to see who is the Champion Beer Mat Flipper 2025!

It's the sport of kings and queens that Taskmaster contestants can only dream of. Inaugurated in 2023 by Stuart Laws, the Beer Mat Flipping Championship has taken place in London and at Machynlleth Comedy Festival, and a World Record attempt was made at the Monkey Barrel, Edinburgh. Stuart will again attempt to break the record of 74 mats in 60 seconds, set in 2013 by Ashrita Furman, thereby politely taking away just one of the 200-plus world records that Furman currently holds!

Stuart says: "I've been beer mat flipping since I was eight, when my little paws could barely grip a beer mat. The sport had a grip on me though, and now, 30 years later I'm again attempting the world record and to go pro as a flipper. More importantly, I want to bring the sport to the wider world. It's such a compelling and simple sport that gets fiendishly difficult under the lights and up against rivals, and comedians are the perfect competitors: eager to entertain and desperate to win/cause chaos when it

becomes clear they're not going to win. I'm thinking especially of Nish Kumar flipping the whole table."

Previous fellow flippers include Dara Ó Briain, Rose Matafeo, Nish Kumar, Mike Wozniak, Ania Magliano and Harriet Kemsley – 2025's confirmed contestants include **Phil Wang, Rosie Jones and Helen Bauer.**

Who will triumph this time? Expect trick shots, live betting odds, trash talk and a night to remember. As featured on TalkSport, Radio 5 Live and BBC Radio 4.

More about your hosts:

Sikisa

Sikisa is a three time Leicester Comedy Festival Nominee and critically acclaimed stand-up, writer and producer. Sikisa has amassed an impressive credit list, including: Live At The Apollo, The BBC New Comedy Award (BBC), Jonathan Ross' Comedy Club, Sorry I Didn't Know and The Stand Up Sketch Show (ITV), Comedy Central Live and Pie & A Pint (Comedy Central), The Dog Ate My Homework (CBBC) and Period Dramas (BBC 3). She can also be heard on Evil Genius and Perfect Sounds (BBC Sounds), DM's Are Open (BBC Radio 4) Wheel Of Misfortune (BBC Radio 1), The Leak and Mach Fest (BBC Radio Wales), Off Menu (Acast) and Films to be Buried With. Sikisa's sold-out debut, *Life of the Party*, ran at The Pleasance Courtyard in 2022. It gained multiple 4-star reviews and earned a transfer to the Soho Theatre. The follow-up, *Hear Me Out*, enjoyed numerous 4 and 5-star reviews. Sikisa is a leader on the Soho Theatre Stand Up Labs Course, an alumni of The Soho Theatre Young Company and a proud member of The Cocoa Butter Club.

'Very funny'

★★★★ Telegraph

Uproariously hilarious'

★★★★ Scotsman

'Blows the roof off the room.'

★★★★ Bruce Dessau, Beyond the Joke

Stuart Laws

Stuart performs sketch comedy and stand-up comedy. He supported James Acaster on his UK tours and has appeared on and written for Radio 4, has two specials on NextUp Comedy, one on American label 800 Pound Gorilla Media, and has written a play *The Journey*, that debuted at The Edinburgh Fringe at The Pleasance in 2018. In 2021, he was nominated for Leicester Comedy Festival Best Show and in 2022 he was nominated for Comedians Choice Best Show. In 2023, his Fringe show was awarded 4.5 stars by Chortle, and his 2024 show received 9 x 4-star reviews. 2024

was also the year that Stuart's film about the Edinburgh Fringe, *The Debuts*, was released, and he staged 'cult one-off show, *Stuart Laws as Michael Caine Saying Never for One Hour*'.

Stuart runs his own production company, Turtle Canyon Comedy, and writes and directs sketch shows, sitcoms, live shows and specials that have been shown on Netflix, Prime, BBC, Sky, ITV, Channel 4 and more. Most recently, Stuart directed Sindhu Vee, Nish Kumar, Rosie Jones, Suzi Ruffell, Paul Foot, Ivo Graham, Jess Fostekew, Jen Brister and Ian Smith's specials.

'A deliciously joke-dense and insightful show.'

★★★★ Scotsman

'He is just naturally funny.'

★★★★ Bruce Dessau, *Beyond the Joke*

'Laws uses his unique comic mind to keep us laughing, and we might not even realise until afterwards what a profound and sophisticated show he's created.'

★★★★.5 Chortle

Social media links via: <https://linktr.ee/stuartlawscomedy>

Website link: www.stuartlaws.com

Clips: <https://www.instagram.com/comediansbeeratflippers/>

Footage of Stuart flipping 50 beer mats in one go (his personal record):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VISZ22vbl4g>

A useful link for demystifying beer mat flipping [here](#)

Listing:

Title: Comedians Beer Mat Flipping Championship

Venue: Pleasance London, Carpenters Mews, North Road, London N7 9EF (Main House)

Ticket link: <https://www.pleasance.co.uk/event/comedians-beer-mat-flipping-championship>

Date: Friday 31st January, 2025

Time: 7.30pm

Age: 15+ (Guideline)

Duration: 90 minutes

Entry: from £12

For High-Res images please click [HERE](#)

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