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PRESS RELEASE



Josie Long, Maeve Higgins & Isy Suttie
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Three of the UK's top female stand-ups arrive at Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Wednesday 3rd February, 8pm, as part of their micro-tour of Wales (only 4 dates!).

Josie Long (Skins, Never Mind the Buzzcocks, You Have Been Watching), **Isy Suttie** (Dobby from Peep Show, 8 Out of 10 Cats) and **Maeve Higgins** (Maeve Higgins' Fancy Vittles on RTE, The Modest Adventures of David O'Doherty on RTE) thought a holiday to Wales sounded like a wonderful idea, so they strung together a tour of the Principality, doing some funny along the way.

In 1999, **Josie Long** won the BBC New Comedy Award at the age of just 17 - making her too young for the champagne that came as part of the prize. Despite the boost the award would have given to her comedy career, she took time off performing to complete her English degree at Oxford university, returning in 2003.

Following the break, she was named best newcomer in the Chortle awards in 2005, and best breakthrough act the following year. In 2006, she also scooped best newcomer in the if.comeddie awards for her solo Edinburgh debut, Kindness and Exuberance.

2009 was somewhat of a breakthrough year for Josie as she became a regular panellist on shows such as Never Mind the Buzzcocks and You Have Been Watching, and landed a role in Skins.

"One of Britain's bright new hopes of the comedy scene" Sunday Times

Isy Suttie is best known for playing IT geek Dobby in the latest series of Peep Show, for which she was nominated for the Best Female Newcomer at the 2008 British Comedy Awards. Recent TV appearances include The Incredible Will and Greg (Channel 4), Comedy Cuts (ITV2), Love Soup (BBC One) and Cornershop (BBC North). Her BBC radio credits include Laurence & Gus: Hearts & Minds, Out to Lunch, Danny Robins Music Therapy, The Milk Run, The Now Show, The Mitch Benn Music Show, 28 Acts in 28 Minutes and The Dom Joly Show. Isy is also a talented writer, currently working as a comedy consultant for the third series of hit Channel 4 show Skins.

Isy is an established live performer with two sell out Edinburgh runs to her name. Her acclaimed debut solo show, Love Lost in the British Retail Industry highlighted her talent for songs and character comedy which was developed in her second solo show, The Suttie Show which premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2008. Following her success in Edinburgh Isy joined the Paramount Comedy Edinburgh & Beyond Tour, appearing in theatres throughout the country.

Maeve Higgins is a firebrand. Well, more like a sparkler. She is controversial and doesn't care who gets hurt. Except that she does really.

Since beginning stand up four years ago, she has performed in comedy festivals around the world, including Edinburgh, Melbourne, Adelaide and Kilkenny.

In her 2006 debut show, *Ha Ha Yum*, at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Maeve did stand-up while her sister Lilly made cakes. The show went on to a season in Dublin's prestigious Andrews Lane Theatre, followed by a sold-out stand-up tour around Ireland. In 2008, the show was invited to Melbourne for their comedy festival. In between that, Maeve wrote and performed two more solo show in 2007 and is set to bring her brand new show *Kitten Brides* to the Edinburgh festival this year.

Maeve rapidly rose to an uncomfortable level of notoriety on Irish television in the past three years, on the most watched comedy show in the country, RTE's *Naked Camera*. She is also a regular contributor to the *Ray D'arcy Show* on Today FM.

Tickets are £8 (£6) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre Box Office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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