

Karl Edrik Presents....

The Ivy

Comedy Cabaret

“The choicest collection of comics, cabaret ‘n magic with full live band.”

Debut Season Begins Friday March 6th 2009

The Ivy House – 40 Stuart Road, Nunhead, SE15 3BE

(Quite Near Dulwich)

Info : www.karledrik.com

Venue Directions : <http://www.karledrik.com/location.html>

Doors 6.30pm / Show 8pm to 10.30pm / Venue to 12.23AM

Tickets - £10 – Reserve via 07538 796 738

Quality Hot Food Buffet Available from 6.30pm at only £6 / Normal Pub Prices

Season One – The Line Ups

Friday March 6th Nina Conti, Ali Cook, Frank Sanazi

Friday March 20th Login Murray, Brian & Kryssal, Richard McDougall

Friday April 3rd Sol Bernstein, Trevor Lock, Robert White

Friday April 17th Ava Vidal, Lewis Schaffer, Totally Naff Tarts

All shows hosted by Karl Edrik with further guest turns.

Live bands at all shows – 24 Pesos & The Julian Burdoch Blues Experience

THE IVY COMEDY CABARET

In a vamped up, legendary music venue from the 70's and 80's, a newly minted comedy cabaret club, arrives in Nunhead, South London, bringing with it an innovative array of quality comics, close up magic, a full live band and an evening's food, drink and entertainment in The Ivy House's boutique theatre, all carefully crafted for the choicest comedy crowd.

Combining straight up stand up to an anything goes show format that takes in character portrayals, sketch comedy, live music and esoteric cabaret acts, the entire night is helmed by mercurial maverick promoter, comedian and compere, Karl Edrik, as he draws on his circuit connections to put together a top drawer comedy bill of capital talents.

Season One opener on Friday 6th March brings together, the charm of Nina Conti, the impressive magic of Ali Cook, Frank Sarnazi's comedic crooning along with other guest comics, all in well executed and entirely professional show amidst a welcoming atmosphere for The Ivy's cabaret crowd. House band 24 Pesos and band member JB's solo side project The Julian Burdoch Blues Experience, both draw on Blues, Soul, Funk and New Orleans influences in their improvised and excellent live styles.

Just to seal the deal on a Friday night, The Ivy Comedy Cabaret will be providing it's own in house catering at the event and a hot food buffet will be available at a credit crunch £6. The price will include a home-made soup with a selection of breads, a choice of two meat dishes (for example, beef stew, roast chicken), a vegetarian option and a selection organic potatoes, rice and vegetables. All tasty, hearty winter food.

The Ivy Comedy Cabaret will also be varying its menu over coming dates. See www.karledrik.com for details of the menu.

THE TALENT - FRIDAY March 6th

NINA CONTI Nina is the daughter of actor Tom Conti (Reuben Reuben), and won the BBC New Comedy Award Winner in 2002. Nina regularly headlines the best London comedy venues and performs annually at the Edinburgh Fringe. Her radio work includes Clare in the Community. www.ninaconti.co.uk

ALI COOK Ali has been the lead magician across many ground-breaking comedy and magic shows including Monkey Magic (Five), Psychic Secrets Revealed (Five), Greatest Magic Tricks in the Universe...Ever (Five), Secret World of Magic (Sky One), and Dirty Tricks (Channel 4). www.alicook.com

FRANK SANAZI Frank is the Ubermeister of Lounge who brings his innovative and eclectic performances to the normally completely relaxed swing style. As his music and personal style hail from his homeland, he has elected to call the whole A movement 'Fatherlounge'. www.franksanazi.com

FULLY LIVE BAND **24 PESOS / JULIAN BURDOCH EXPERIENCE**

The Host - Karl Edrik

The comic creation that became Karl Edrik began his journey to the stage growing up in the Shetland Islands. Displaying a passion for writing, singing and the arts, he decided in 2006 to devote himself to stand up comedy and through serious gigging throughout the UK his reputation as a sharply observed comic has grown apace with gigs at Ed Comedy (formerly The East Duwich Tavern Comedy Club), The Comedy Store, Downstairs At The Kings Head and other top comedy clubs.

An Edinburgh Festival regular whose shows have included "About As Funny As It Gets" and "Hari Krishna and The Philosopher's Stoned" over recent years, The Ivy Comedy Cabaret marks Karl's first promotion of a comedy / cabaret club and draws on his extensive and excellent connections from all across the circuit.

"Definitely one to watch out for." - Hils Jago (Comedy Producer)

"In my 27yrs as a pro stand up, rarely have I seen so much potential – he'll go all the way to the top" - Al Benson (Award-Winning Comic)

"Snappy Wit and Hilariously Bizarre Stories – 4 Star Review" - ThreeWeeks

The Venue - THE IVY HOUSE

The well preserved front bar (with Truman's lettering running round the walls) is a rare enough sight in a modern hostelry but it's the large back room that really inspires the artist within. Few pubs nowadays have such a stage and fewer have a stage with gold lame curtains. Allow us to present "The Golden Lounge". A micro-theatre with a gold curtain backdrop and carpeted stage that is both camp and canny and provides an atmosphere and an exciting vibe that will accompany all shows.

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Images are available on request and interviews in support of the tour may be arranged via the contacts below.

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