

The logo for the BBC Comedy Festival is centered on a green rectangular background. It features the letters 'B B C' in white, each inside a black square, arranged horizontally. Below this, the words 'COMEDY' and 'FESTIVAL' are written in large, bold, black capital letters, stacked vertically.

BBC COMEDY FESTIVAL

Easy Read guide

- ▶ Day events at The MAC
- ▶ Wednesday 23rd May
- ▶ Thursday 24th May

Overview



BBC Comedy Festival 2025



is on the 21st and 22nd May.



The day events are at The MAC, Belfast.



This is the entrance.



The address is:
10 Exchange Street
West
Belfast
BT12NJ

Wednesday 21st May



On Wednesday 21st May



you can arrive from 3pm.



You can buy tea, coffees, snacks and lunch in the foyer café.



Wifi is:
The MAC Guests
Password: themac1234



The MAC galleries are free to visit and open until 5pm.



The events start from 4pm.



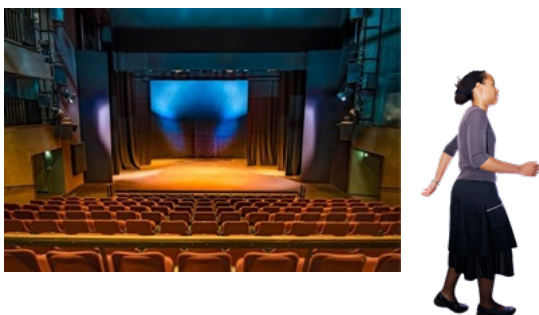
They are in the Downstairs Theatre.



Check your ticket at the door before you go in.



You can choose where to sit



and leave the venue and come back in when you like.

Thursday 22nd May



On Thursday 22nd May



you can arrive from 9:30am.



Events are in either the Downstairs or Upstairs Theatres.






| BBC COMEDY FESTIVAL | | | |
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| Thursday 22 May 2025 | | | |
| DAY SCHEDULE | | | |
| 09:45 - 10:30 @ UPSTAIRS THEATRE | | THE GIG-GLE ECONOMY - HOW TO MAKE IT IN COMEDY | |
| 10:45 - 11:30 @ DOWNSTAIRS THEATRE | | THREE HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE - MEET THE HEADS OF COMEDY | |
| 11:45 - 12:30 @ UPSTAIRS THEATRE | | OR | 12:00 - 13:00 @ DOWNSTAIRS THEATRE |
| LISTEN UP! AUDIO COMEDY DEEP DIVE | | | LISA MCGEE: A LIFE LESS ORDINARY |
| 13:15 - 14:00 @ UPSTAIRS THEATRE | | OR | 13:30 - 14:30 @ DOWNSTAIRS THEATRE |
| OUT AND OUT COMEDY | | | THE BIG DEBATE: THE COST OF COMEDY |
| 14:30 - 15:15 @ UPSTAIRS THEATRE | | OR | 15:00 - 15:45 @ DOWNSTAIRS THEATRE |
| FINGERS AND THUMBNAIls: WHAT MAKES US CLICK? | | | EXPLORING NORTHERN IRISH COMEDY |
| 16:00 - 16:45 @ UPSTAIRS THEATRE | | OR | 16:15 - 17:00 @ DOWNSTAIRS THEATRE |
| BBC COMEDY'S SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP: NETWORK AND NATIONS | | | FROM BALLYMACNOOSE TO BBC3 - MEET THE FUNBOYS |
| 17:15 - 18:00 @ UPSTAIRS THEATRE | | OR | 17:30 - 18:30 @ DOWNSTAIRS THEATRE |
| TOO WOKE TO JOKE | | | PETER FOOTI: THE YOUNG OFFENDER |
| 18:15 - 18:45 @ UPSTAIRS THEATRE | | | |
| THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT - COMEDY FOR A YOUNGER AUDIENCE | | | |
| 19:00 - 20:00 @ DOWNSTAIRS THEATRE | | COMEDY SHORT FILM SCREENING | |

The festival schedule will tell you which one.



You can go to The Lab to watch a livestream of the events in the Downstairs Theatre.

Getting Here and Access

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|  | <p>York Street Train Station is a 15 minute walk.</p> |
|  | <p>Grand Central Station is a 20 minute walk.</p> |
|  | <p>Central Library and Donegal Street bus stops are a 5 minute walk.</p> |
|  | <p>The MAC pedestrian entrance is on Saint Anne's Square.</p> |
|  | <p>The MAC taxi drop off entrance is on Exchange Street West.</p> |



The nearest multi-story car park is Saint Anne's Square.



The address is:
30 Edward St
Belfast
BT1 2LP



There are 2 Blue Badge parking bays at Exchange Street Car Park.



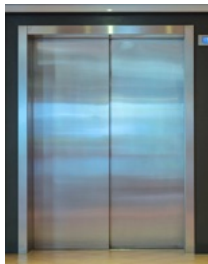
The address is:
29 Corporation St
Belfast
BT1 2LU



Electric car charging ports are at Little Donegal Street and Castle Court Car Park.



The MAC has step-free access throughout.



The lift dimensions are 117cm wide and 168cm deep.



There are allocated seats for wheelchair and scooter users.



There are plug sockets to charge mobility equipment all over the building.



All the events are BSL interpreted.



The Downstairs and Upstairs Theatres have hearing loops.



You can get live captions to your device.



This is the QR code for captions in the Downstairs Theatre.



This is the QR code for captions in the Upstairs Theatre.



The toilets are gender neutral.



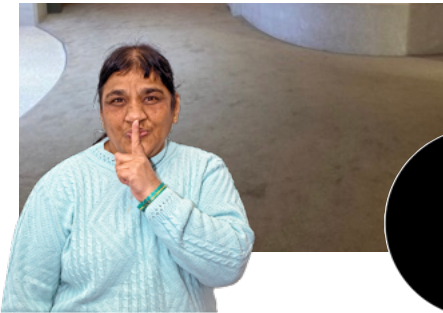
There are accessible toilets on every level.



Sanitary bins and free period products are in all the toilets.

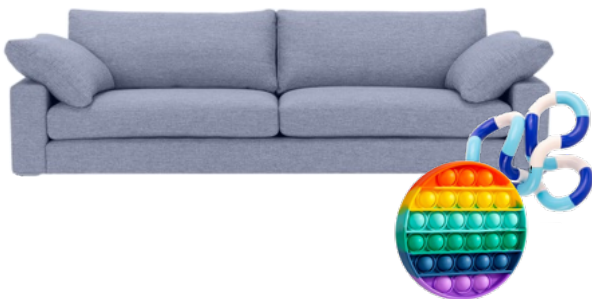


The MAC will be busy and noisy at times.



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There is a Quiet Room on the 3rd floor



with a sofa and fidget tools.



The Quiet Room can be used if you are feeling anxious or overwhelmed.



It can also be used for prayer or milk-pumping.



The MAC staff wear MAC branded t-shirts.



The BBC staff wear BBC logo lanyards.



You can ask them for help and directions.



There are 2 first aiders on site.



[Click here for a ISL walkthrough of The MAC.](#)



[Click here for a BSL walkthrough of The MAC.](#)



You can contact comedyevents@bbc.co.uk if you have questions or requests



or to tell them your access requirements.