



## Students working to Cheer Up Leicester

Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival will be hitting Leicester again in February, providing a vibrant and diverse set of events to meet the varied tastes of our community. 'Cheer Up Leicester@Embrace Arts' strives to bring the festival to the doorstep of the student audience. Leicester's most talented and dynamic students have collaborated for the first time, alongside 'From Dusk 2 Dawn' and Embrace Arts, to support the festival and encourage the student community to enjoy the wealth of events available. With the ethos of 'Cheering Up Leicester' the group have developed an exciting and multi-faceted promotional campaign ranging from sock-puppet sketches to flash-mobs, endorsing the various performances and events at Embrace Arts, the University of Leicester's arts centre, between 9 and 19 February.

These range from the 'hyperactive one-man psychological comedy' theatre show **The Life and Times of Albert Limes**, and Brian Lobel's personal drama of **BALL and Other Funny Stories About Cancer**, to the family friendly and 'outstanding' **Suitcase Circus** following a sock puppet and friends in their adventures.

Meanwhile, **Worbey and Farrell: Well Strung!** encompasses entertainment within the music domain, as two sets of hands take to the piano for hilarious consequences. **Philippa and Will Are Now in A Relationship** and **Fakebook** offer an insightful and honest look into the ever-expanding world of social media.

If a more hands-on approach is for you, don't forget the **Speed Drawing** event on 11 February; you can take an alternative spin on the traditional speed dating, and see what effect your artistic skills can have on potential love interests just in time for Valentines Day. While you're at Embrace Arts, don't forget to take a look at **The Funny Side** free exhibition, showcasing the work of six Midlands artists as they combine their artistic flair with their love of comedy.

Ultimately, 'comedy is more than just stand up' and you'll be missing out if you don't try some of the alternative events Embrace Arts can offer. Starting at just a fiver for students who join the venue's unique promotional student ticket scheme, there's really no excuse not to get involved.

Visit [www.embracearts.co.uk](http://www.embracearts.co.uk) to buy tickets online or contact the box office on 01162522455. Alternatively drop in and see us on Lancaster Road, next to Leicester Fire Station.

### Notes to Editors:

### Comedy shows at Embrace Arts in February 2012:

#### The Funny Side

**Monday 6 February – Friday 9 March**

FREE Preview party – all welcome. Friday 3 February, 6pm – 8pm

**Justin Cliffe in The Life and Times of Albert Lymes**

Presented by Tin Shed Theatre Company

**Saturday 11 February at 7.30pm**, £6 / Fiver (student scheme)

**Brian Lobel in BALL and Other Funny Stories About Cancer**

**Saturday 11 February at 9pm**, £6 / Fiver (student scheme)

**The Best of Clever Peter**

**Thursday 9 February at 7.30pm**, £7 / £5 / Fiver (student scheme)

Misshapen Theatre Company presents **Phillipa and Will Are Now In A Relationship**

**Sunday 12 February at 7pm**, £5 / Fiver (student scheme)

**Michelle Vacciana in Fakebook**

**Sunday 12 February at 8pm**, £10 / £8 / Fiver (student scheme)

**Folded Feather in Suitcase Circus**

**Sunday 19 February at 3pm**, £8 / family of four £28

Russell Garnett for Objective Talent Management presents

**Worbey and Farrell: Well Strung!**

**Saturday 18 February at 7.30pm**, £13 / £11 / Fiver (student scheme)

**Speed drawing workshop**

**Saturday 11 February, 3pm – 6pm**, £38 / £20

Further details are available from Gillian Garratt, Marketing Manager, Embrace Arts, email [gg81@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:gg81@leicester.ac.uk), tel 07973 188898.

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**Embrace Arts**

As the University of Leicester's arts centre, Embrace Arts offers opportunities to everyone to participate without barriers in ways that challenge and inspire. Its welcoming 120-seater performance area, art and dance studios, extensive exhibition gallery and bright foyer space enable people to engage with the arts as audiences, performers and learners. Still one of the few arts venues that can boast a fully-accessible facility, Embrace Arts provides a focal point for cultural life on campus and in the wider community.

The University of Leicester's arts centre – open to all