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Newport becomes a Comedy Port for third year running!

Laughs will be had in Newport City Centre again this October, for the third annual Comedy Port for 2012 which will take place all over the city centre from **Monday 8 October until Saturday 13 October.**

After the huge success of the last two years, Comedy Port promises to be bigger, bolder and better than ever before. With a variety of big names, up and coming acts, alternative comedians, day-time acts, sketch shows, innovative stand-up, musical comedy, funny films, fringe acts, pop-up venues and much, much more.

Tim Key, up-and-coming comedy genius and **Edinburgh Comedy Award Winner** is set to be a hugely popular performer this year as he brings to Newport the hilariously lovely languid musings of his new show – Masterslut on **Tuesday 9 October 2012 at 8.30pm.**

Masterslut is the follow up to his 2009 show, The Slutcracker and is a blend of character comedy, poetry and stand-up, mixing short verse with longer stories, punctuated by oddly beautiful and nonsensical short films. It's probably the only stand-up set you'll ever see to feature a luxuriously warm bath centre stage!

Al Murray's lovable character 'The Pub-Landlord' is coming to Newport with his **The Only Way is Epic** tour to be part of 2012's Comedy Port on **10 October.** The multi-award winning performer solves broken Britain's problems through laughter, beer and the occasional pork scratchings. (Not to forget a glass of wine for the ladies.)

There's also something for the whole family with two shows of the previous sell-out, **Comedy Club 4 Kids. A proper comedy club for anyone over the age of six.**

Award-winning comedian, actress and writer **Bridget Christie** will be entertaining the crowds this year with her unique style of comedy and alternative humour. Her must see show will be performed on **Saturday 13 October 8pm**. Book now to avoid disappointment!

If you are a local comedian, promoter, business or venue and you'd like to get involved, please contact Jason.small@newport.gov.uk

For more information please visit www.newport.gov.uk/theriverfront or call **01633 656679** for a chat. Tickets are on sale now and a full list of events and venues will be available soon. To follow our blog, visit www.newportcomedyfestival.co.uk

Tickets for all shows are now on sale!

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To find out any more information regarding Comedy Port 2012 or to request images, interviews or for press tickets to any of the shows please contact the marketing team on 01633 656677 or email michelle.perez@newport.gov.uk, gudrun.allsobrook@newport.gov.uk and gunhild.moss@newport.gov.uk