



Funny in Falkirk Comedy Festival

Friday 19 – Tuesday 30 July 2013

PRESS RELEASE:

Central Scotland's comedy festival Funny in Falkirk donates 20% of their box office to Age Scotland...

The team behind Funny in Falkirk can be found donating a large cheque to Age Scotland on Falkirk High Street at **12pm on Wednesday 6th March 2013.**

The cheque presented follows a commitment made from 2012's sell-out production of Still Game performed by Sonic Boom Theatre where both companies agreed to donate 20% of the box office sales to Age Scotland with permission of theatre production writers Ford Kiernan and Greg Hemphill.

Member of Funny in Falkirk, Falkirk Delivers, Age Scotland and Sonic Boom Theatre will be in attendance to present the cheque and **welcome photographers for the event.**

Gemma Maramis, Scottish Comedy Agency, Funny in Falkirk co-ordinator said: 'We're absolutely delighted to bring Funny in Falkirk back to the area this summer and we're really very excited to be donating money to a local community source for a very good cause.'

Greg McCracken, Age Scotland said: 'Age Scotland would like to thank Funny in Falkirk for this generous donation which will contribute towards the important work we do across Scotland. It's great that a feel-good event like this is raising money for a worthwhile cause and is helping to spread a bit of happiness to some of our most vulnerable people.'

Funny in Falkirk also announces 2013 festival dates and is awakening for its fourth year alighting the funny across Central Scotland 19-30 July 2013. As always, they strive to bring the best comedy talent to forth valley and they're now hard at work setting the scene for this year's festival.

Funny in Falkirk welcome any interest, comments, questions or indeed suggestions for Funny in Falkirk 2013 and if you want to keep up-to-date with the festival and its progress, get in touch via Facebook, Twitter or email info@funnyinfalkirk.com. Oh! And don't forget, you can also sign-up to their newsletter by heading to www.funnyinfalkirk.com - if you're coming to #FiF2013 with a pal, why not add theirs too to save them some time!

Gemma Maramis, Scottish Comedy Agency, Funny in Falkirk co-ordinator said: 'We hope that be releasing the dates early it gives comedy fans a chance to mark the 12 days of funny in their diary.'

In the meantime you can also listen to last year's funnies with [Central FM](http://www.centralfm.com) which is available to listen to via the www.funnyinfalkirk.com website.

Funny in Falkirk are looking forward to #FiF2013 and can't wait to see you there!

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

Funny in Falkirk

- Funny in Falkirk 2013 runs from Friday 19th to Tuesday 30th July.
- The comedy festival was established in 2010.
- The event is supported by the Falkirk BID.
- The festival is organised by the Scottish Comedy Agency, a sister company of Salt 'n' Sauce Promotions Ltd, which owns and operates the highly successful Stand Comedy Clubs in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Newcastle.
- For more information about Funny in Falkirk go to www.FunnyinFalkirk.com.

Age Scotland

- Age Scotland is situated at 154 High Street, Falkirk, FK1 1NR
- Press and Photo opportunity available at 12pm.
- Age Scotland works to improve the lives of all people in later life and celebrate ageing, believing that it presents unprecedented opportunities and challenges at home and abroad. They challenge ageist prejudice throughout society.
- More information on Age Scotland can be found at www.ageuk.org.uk

Falkirk Business Improvement District (BID)

- The Falkirk BID was established in 2008 and has supported Funny in Falkirk since the festival started it started in 2010.
- A Business Improvement District (BID) is a geographical defined area of a town, city, or commercial district, where businesses come together and agree to invest collectively in local projects and services.
- For further information about the Falkirk BID (including their objectives for the area) go to <http://www.falkirkbid.com>

Sonic Boom Theatre

- Clare Sheppard and Kenny Boyle are company directors
- Further information can be found at www.sonicboomtheatre.com

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