

COMEDY TRAINING COURSES

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THE COMPLETE COMPERE

led by MARKUS BIRDMAN on a SUNDAY AFTERNOON in central London

The compere is the most important comedian on the bill, often being the difference between a gig being a success or a car-crash

"I recommend your course to anyone who would like to be an MC, or is and wants to improve"
"I enjoyed producing relevant material and discovering about interacting more with the audience"
"A new awareness of all aspects of the role, and the different possible approaches has given me more confidence and enthusiasm" *"Amazing value - sign up now"* *"Brilliant ... Invaluable"*

The compere is essential in creating an environment in which the other comedians on the bill can flourish. If you've ever heard a comedian say *"The audience are nice tonight"*, it is almost certainly because the compere made them nice. Had it been a bad compere, there is every chance that the 'nice' crowd may have been unplayable.

Learning to compere can massively benefit your career. Not only are good comperes always in demand, the skills and experience you gain from compering feeds into your abilities as a stand-up. Many household name comedy performers including Graham Norton, Eddie Izzard, Frank Skinner and Adam Hills honed their skills as resident comperes of comedy clubs.

In just one Sunday afternoon session, everything from the **basics of compering**, through to the more **advanced skills** of **bantering with your audience**, **working the room** and **dealing with hecklers**, while also highlighting the bad habits to avoid, will be covered. The content provides a thorough and deep understanding of compering; the basics of stand-up will not be included,

It will help you consider the development of your own style and give you the skills, strategies and inside information, so you can compere with confidence, and remain calm, in control, and capable of creating a friendly, focused room, ready for a fantastic night of comedy.

The session led by Markus Birdman who, with over 18 years experience, is one of stand-up's most well respected and well travelled British comedians and comperes, much in demand across the UK and internationally. TimeOut featured Markus in their Top Ten Comedians list; his extensive comedy CV is [here](#). He has appeared on television around the globe (including Festival Galas, and a Netflix Special in Amsterdam), won and been nominated for numerous comedy awards at the Edinburgh Fringe and as far afield as New Zealand and Australia, and in London appears at Soho Theatre, the O2, and comperes The Comedy Store.

Dates: Sundays 21 October (noon to 5pm)

Venue: The Albany, 240 Great Portland St, London W1W 5QU Tubes: Great Portland St, Warren St, Regents Park

EARLY ENROLMENT IS RECOMMENDED TO BE SURE OF A PLACE

HOW TO ENROL: The course **FEE** is £90 Earlybird; the regular fee is £105 when Earlybird places are full.

Enrol online by going to <http://www.wegottickets.com/event/442083> (there is no additional booking fee)

But if you want to pay by cheque or in cash, please email courses@comedytrainingcourses.com for the postal address

To complete your enrolment email Courses@ComedyTrainingCourses.com with your stage name and mobile number so we can link you with your fee payment, and also confirming that you have stand-up experience

FINAL DETAILS WILL BE E-MAILED A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST SESSION