



Press release

**DUBAI OPERA ANNOUNCES TWO COMEDY ACTS
TO PERFORM AT THE ICONIC VENUE IN JULY AND NOVEMBER**

***Comedy Night and Al Murray are guaranteed to keep the audience
in stitches all night long***

Dubai UAE, 30th May 2018 – Dubai Opera is delighted to announce it will be welcoming two hilarious comedy acts this year. *Comedy Night*, in association with "Arabs Are Not Funny", will take to the stage on 6th July and Britain's favourite landlord, *Al Murray*, will keep the crowd entertained all night long in a one-off performance on 20th November.

The first of the two shows, *Comedy Night*, is produced by Arts Canteen, brought in from the UK for the first time ever. Set to entertain Dubai with uproarious stand-up comedy, four talented comedians will put on a side splitting performance on 6th July 2018. The lineup includes Welsh-Egyptian comic Omar Hamdi, along with renowned comedians Prince Abdi, Karim Duval and award-winning Lebanese-British comic Esther Manito.

Comedy Night in association with Arts Canteen's "Arabs Are Not Funny" is widely regarded as one of the hottest comedy nights in the UK and it is expected to be highly received in this region.

Skipping down to the latter end of 2018, *Al Murray* will be bringing a barrel of laughs to Dubai. For over 20 years he's filled arenas around the globe and now he's taking over Dubai Opera for one night only on 20th November 2018.

Commonly known as "The Pub Landlord", Al Murray is one of the most recognisable and successful comics in the UK and will have you in stitches throughout the show. Murray's huge stand-up shows have made him one of the most popular live comedians in the UK, with sell-out gigs at venues including the O2 Arena in London, with critics hailing his act as 'one of the funniest of the decade, if not the century.'

UAE residents simply cannot miss out on grabbing their tickets for this uproarious show. * Disclaimer * Don't sit too close to the front, Al loves to pick on his crowd!

Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera, commented: "With Danny Bhoj and Spamalot we've already seen audiences loving hilarious comedy at Dubai Opera and here are two more great nights in prospect featuring a collection of the funniest Arab-British stand-ups next month and then the incomparable Al Murray in November."



Tickets will go on sale for *Comedy Night*, on Monday 4 June at 4pm with prices at just AED95. There is an early bird offer of 20% on the top two seat categories where tickets start at AED156 until 12 June.

Tickets for *Al Murray* go on sale on Wednesday 30 May at 4pm, with prices starting at AED150. There is an early bird offer of 20% off all seat categories where tickets start at only AED 120, until 12 June.

Comedy Night Lineup on 6 July

Egyptian-British comic, host and producer **Omar Hamdi** lands in Dubai fresh from his British Academy Award winning BBC One programme, and shows at London's iconic Royal Albert Hall and New York's world-famous Gotham Comedy Club.

Prince Abdi is a British stand-up comedian, actor and writer and a regular on the UK comedy circuit. Prince has written and starred in his own television sketches for the BBC (UK), Comedy Central (USA) and ITV, and has also supported Dave Chappelle on his national tours. His versatile and unique story telling makes him a feel-good comedian and one to watch.

Her stand up is bold, original and unapologetic – and of course laugh out loud funny. **Esther Manito** is a So You Think You're Funny Finalist 2017. Winner of the comedy store's KING GONG 2018 and Leicester Square Comedian of the year semi-finalist 2016/2017. Esther's observational stand up takes you on a whirlwind tour of what life is like for an Anglo/Lebanese mum of two

Karim Duval is probably the only Moroccan/French comic with an Asian face who speaks Arabic... He is at the forefront of a new generation of comedy currently burgeoning in France and has opened for American comedian Sebastian Marx in Paris.

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For more information and ticket purchase, please visit www.dubaiopera.com

Note to Editors

About Dubai Opera:

Dubai Opera is a truly unique venue and the city's first purpose built multi-format performing arts theatre, situated in the heart of Downtown Dubai. With an iconic dhow shaped design rooted in Emirati heritage, Dubai Opera offers the ultimate flexibility of a proscenium arch theatre, an acoustic concert hall and a 2000m² flat floor event space, and is the definitive destination for quality entertainment productions and performances. Dubai Opera's stage hosts an incredible array of world-class talent, with opera, ballet and classical music concerts and productions at



the core, Dubai Opera also stages musical theatre, fashion shows, jazz, comedy, family shows and a full range of live entertainment.

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