



STUDENTS FROM BEIT ZVI

**JF** INTERNATIONAL JEWISH PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL



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**TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE JEWISH PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL, WHICH IS SET TO ARRIVE IN LEEDS FROM 26TH – 30TH JUNE.**

The countdown to the Jewish Performing Arts Festival is nearing its climax, with Leeds city centre set to welcome 25 top international shows from 26th – 30th June. Organisers and volunteers are working behind the scenes to make sure the festival runs smoothly. "With such a wide range of performances and new venues this year, the festival will be the hottest ticket in town for last week of June," says Ellie Ruhan, festival organiser.

Young acoustic comedian Jay Foreman, who found success at last year's Edinburgh Festival with his hit song Moon Chavs, will perform in his witty, sharp musical style. "Jay has been labelled a must-see at this year's event," says Ellie. Meanwhile, the first female comic to perform at the festival, Kate Shortt, will

kick start the week at The Wardrobe. "Kate can make musical instruments talk, laugh and even impersonate people, in addition to her own hilarious imaginative heightened reality comedy sketches," adds Ellie.

Earl Okin continues the week's comedy offering with his show, Musical Genius & Sex Symbol. Earl is often the headline act in many venues around the country, combining comedy with songwriting and his talent as an international jazz and bossa nova musician.

Jonathan Gillis' play The Dreamer adds drama to the festival, telling a Biblical story in a modern way. "It's a story which is both ancient and modern; a universal tale of untold heroes who strive to preserve their dignity and humanity in the face of resignation," explains Ellie. "Also, the company from Beit Zvi, Israel's top performance academy, will be one to watch. The students at this academy are some of the best performers in the country."

Stuart Curtis, leading musician of K-Groove, will return to Leeds College of Music where he studied in the 1980s. Stuart will perform world jazz, a fusion of Latin, Klezmer and Arabic music with his five-piece band. Continuing on the musical theme, Alan Harris and friends will stage a variety show featuring talent from the community.

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See all shows and ticket info at [Leedsjewishfestival.com](http://Leedsjewishfestival.com) or call Makor on 0113 268 0899 for a brochure. The festival box office is based at the MAZCC, 311 Stonegate Road, Leeds. Box office hours: Monday – Thursday 11am – 2pm, and Sunday 11am – 1pm. Alternatively, book directly with the venue.

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