

## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

### UK Live Comedy Survey

Welcome to the first UK Live Comedy Survey, created by the Centre for Comedy Studies Research at Brunel University London, the Live Comedy Association and the British Comedy Guide.

You are being asked to take part in a research study. Before you decide, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Please ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part. Thank you for reading this.

#### **What is the purpose of the study?**

The project will be the first time that the size and scale of the UK live comedy sector is tracked via an online survey. The aims of the project is to map the UK live comedy sector in terms of its size and scale geographically and commercially and the types of venues and number of performances taking place across the UK. It will also examine the sustainability of the industry and assess how those working with the comedy industry consider its social impact.

#### **Why have I been invited to participate?**

We are asking comedy industry workers to take part, including promoters, producers, technicians, agents, managers, those working at comedy festivals and in comedy venues, and comedians.

#### **Do I have to take part?**

Of course not!

As participation is entirely voluntary, it is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part your consent will be recorded at the beginning of the survey. If you decide to take part, your response is completely anonymous and so we cannot extract your response from the results at a later date.

#### **What will happen to me if I take part?**

The online survey will take about 10 minutes to complete.

#### **Are there any lifestyle restrictions?**

There are no lifestyle restrictions.

#### **What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?**

There are no disadvantages to you taking part. The survey is completely anonymous.

#### **What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

There are no personal advantages to taking part, but it will give us a better understanding of the UK Live Comedy Industry.

**What if something goes wrong?**

It is not likely that anything can go wrong in this survey. All of the responses are anonymous and so there is no chance of a data breach. No personal, identifying data is being collected.

**Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?**

All responses are anonymous.

**Will I be recorded, and how will the recording be used?**

Not applicable.

**What will happen to the results of the research study?**

The survey data will be stored on a Brunel University London server. The results of the survey will be published widely in media and in academic publications in order to inform the public and policy makers on the UK Live Comedy Industry.

**Who is organising and funding the research?**

The UK Live Comedy Survey is organised by Centre for Comedy Studies Research at Brunel University London, the Live Comedy Association and the British Comedy Guide.

**What are the indemnity arrangements?**

Brunel University London provides appropriate insurance cover for research which has received ethical approval.

**Who has reviewed the study?**

The UK Live Comedy Survey has been reviewed by the Research Ethics Committee of the College of Business, Arts and Social Sciences at Brunel University London.

**Research Integrity**

*Brunel University London is committed to compliance with the Universities UK [Research Integrity Concordat](#). You are entitled to expect the highest level of integrity from the researchers during the course of this research*

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