

RIP Productions and The Jazz Cafe present live comedy – May 26th 2010 Press Release Below.

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- **The Jazz Café, Medejski Stadium, Reading, RG2 0FL.**
- **Wednesday 26th May 2010 – Doors 7pm/Show 8pm**
- **www.RIP-Productions.co.uk**
- **Tickets are £9 – book by calling 0118 968 1442 or email Chris@TheJazzCafe.co.uk**
- **Featuring star of ‘Mock The Week’ Adam Bloom, Pete Firman, Alfie Brown and Mark Olver!**

An evening of top stand-up comedy!

The ‘Best Comedy Club Outside Of London’ as named by GQ magazine comes to The Jazz Café on May 26th with 4 top comedians.

Mark Olver comperes for the evening, described as ‘cheerfull and funny’, Mark recently supported Russell Howard on tour.

London Is Funny said of Alfie Brown – *“Best of the bunch was Alfie Brown . . .spiky observations and jaded delivery marked him out from the rest.”* Having recently performed at the Edinburgh Fringe starring in *The Lunchtime Club*, *Best of the Five Pound Fringe* and playing ‘The Guru’ in Mark Watson’s *The Hotel* Alfie is now rising up through the ranks of the UK comedy circuit, playing for Komedia, CKP, Off The Kerb. Alfie is the regular host of the Alternative Folk night at Ronnie Scotts in Soho and for several other music nights around London including at The Proud Galleries and The Troubadour. He also appeared at Bestival 2009.

Pete Firman is regarded as a uniquely gifted magic entertainer, gleefully injecting magic with his anarchic, off-beat humour and dazzling array of skills. He starred as cheeky northerner ‘Tufty’ in Five’s anarchic, hip magic show *Monkey Magic*, and is re-defining the rules of magic entertainment. Since then he has made numerous series for British television, most recently ‘Secret World of Magic’ for Sky One.

Pete grew up in Middlesbrough where his parents and sister provided a normal loving family environment. He studied for an acting degree and was looking forward to joining the family business selling second hand cars. But somewhere along the line something went wrong. Pete spent his teenage years locked away in his bedroom practicing magic furiously with just a poster of Pamela Anderson for company. Seeing an advert for new magicians to present a TV show Pete stripped to his underpants in a snowy back garden and filmed himself performing tricks. The show was FIVE’s *Monkey Magic* and Pete’s career as a TV magician started. Since *Monkey Magic* he has travelled the world meeting his magic heroes and performing his own brand of anarchic magic in Sky One’s *The Secret World of Magic*, and amazed viewers with his ability to perform disgusting tricks with animals, cigarettes and big spiky things in Channel 4’s *Dirty Tricks*. He was also recently seen on the ‘3D Magic Spectacular with Derren Brown’.

Adam Bloom is one of the most sought after acts on the comedy circuit. He has performed sell-out solo shows at the ‘96, ‘97, ‘98, ‘99, ‘01, ‘04 & ‘07 Edinburgh Festivals as well as performing a sell-out tour of Britain. He has also sold out theatres at festivals in Melbourne, Sydney, Auckland, Wellington & Cape Town as well as making three visits to ‘Just For Laughs’ in Montreal. He has appeared on ‘Mock The Week’, ‘Never Mind The Buzzcocks’ and ‘The World Stands Up’.