

the Isaac project



National Comedy Movement Since 2005

The Isaac Project is a network of comedians working in the mainstream comedy scene who share a Christian faith and a desire to use their talents as a resource for the church.



Originally founded by Andy Kind and Tony Vino in late 2005 when they began touring their uniquely hilarious 2-man show across the country - playing in churches, café's, clubs and pubs. As well as starring at many smaller venues, they have been performing at high-profile events such as Greenbelt, Easter People, Firm Foundations and Soul Survivor.

What's the big idea?

The idea is to demonstrate the joy of faith through humour and laughter. For Christians to bring mainstream comedy into their locality, whether that be in a church, pub or community hall. To put on a comedy night open to all people – a chance for Christians & churches to connect with and bless their community by putting a smile on the face of those present.

All the performers are Christians and perform material that is accessible to all and suitable for both mainstream comedy clubs and Christian-run venues.

Meet the Team



Andy Kind

Andy has been on the circuit since January 2005. In that time he has performed all over the country, winning awards and acclaim as he goes.

Described by BBC Staffs as ‘A star’, and by XS Malarkey as ‘excellent, delightful and charming’, Andy uses his love of life as the foundation which underpins all his comedy. Talking about a range of subjects from faults in the English language to the quirks of modern-day Christianity, he

brings a joyous energy and enthusiasm to any stage – taking pleasure in everything and everyone! Combining the subject matter and his super-strong stage presence, Andy has found a unique and fascinating voice to his comedy. In short, you have a very exciting – and excited – young comedian, and one of the most promising acts in the country.

‘Anything for Laughs 2005’ – Winner

‘A Star!’ **BBC Staffordshire**

‘Andy’s delivery and style are brilliant, and he has the power on stage to put any audience at their ease. Expect to hear good things about him in the future!’ **Ribbed Comedy**

‘Pleasingly skewed anecdotes, with an instantly likeable on-stage demeanour.’ **Anthony J. Brown, The Caper Club**

‘Frightening potential!’ **Chuckling Pig Comedy**

‘A finely executed set.’ **City Life**

‘Top Notch!’ **ManchesterComedy.com**

“Excellent, charming and delightful.” **Toby Hadoke, XS Malarkey**

‘His bright and breezy stage presence lifted the room!’
Ship of Fools Comedy Club

‘Cracking material, and a loveable persona. We think Andy has what it takes to go all the way!’ **Cross-Rhythms FM**

‘Boundless energy and likeability. A fast-improving act that looks destined for a career in comedy.’ **Funhouse Comedy**

‘Hysterical...wonderful.’ **Chorley Guardian**



Tony Vino

Tony has been touring the comedy scene since early 2005. A finalist in 2006 Funny Bones competition, Tony has enjoyed recognition as a comedian and is a compere of renown.

Tony is best known for the way he seamlessly mixes well thought out observational humour with audience interaction and quick-witted responses. His life and interests are wide ranging, and so is his material, all performed in a warm, friendly and non-offensive style.

Tony heads up the comedy at Greenbelt and is the resident compere and founder of Just Fair Laughs, a Fair Trade comedy agency which runs several weekly and monthly comedy nights across the north of England in venues ranging from pubs to nightclubs to football stadiums.

Well aware of social and political issues, Tony has been called upon to entertain at many high profile events for charities such as Christian Aid, Oxfam, Fairtrade Foundation and TearFund. When hosting festivals and corporate events his confident effervescent persona has been ideal for engaging crowds in their 100's and 1000's.

His faith informs all of his on stage style and content as Tony believes passionately in comedy which is uplifting and life affirming.

"Tony is very funny, a class act and always comes up with the goods" **Darren Goddard, Greenbelt Festival Events**

"Loads of energy, very engaging, and very very funny"
T5 Comedy Club

"Funny, straight-talking. Not afraid to dabble with religious issues, silly not sacrilegious, had to smile."
Tim Parker BBC Website

"Uplifting style, great delivery and consistently funny throughout" **BBC Radio Manchester**

"Warm, engaging, funny and likeable, everything you want in a comedian" **Lunacy Comedy**

"A superb showman" **Lastminute.com**

"Tony was delightful, he had 1000 people fully engaged and laughing throughout" **Paul Jennings, ASDA Events/Communications**

"Always good to have a comedian like Tony who is friendly, clean and very funny" **Helen Tomblin, Laughing Sole Comedy Club**

"Comedy that's life affirming" **BBC1 Heaven & Earth Show**

"Awesome compere" **Chris Reed, Newcastle United Comedy**

"A delightful host" **Nexus Comedy**



Paul Kerensa

Paul is a wildly talented comic. His on-stage presence is one of the most amiable and unthreatening around, whilst his writing is uniquely left of field and introduces concepts that a lot of his peers could not even imagine.

He started on the comedy circuit in 2003. Within 18 months, he had reached the final of the BBC New Comedy awards and won ITV's prestigious 'Take the Mic' competition.

He now headlines a lot of comedy nights around the country, and is heavily involved in a lot of work for BBC Radio 4, including The Lee Mack show - for which he is the co-writer. He is also one of the chief writers for Lee Mack's BBC sitcom - 'Not Going Out'.

Proving you don't always have to be edgy to be funny, the brainy Kerensa is as clever as he is amusing. Big things await!

"Attitude, style & diamond-sharp wit." **Maxim magazine**

"Ingenious" **Evening Standard**

"Well worth a night out." **The Scotsman**





Duncan Logan

Duncan first took the mike 5 years ago when he asked for a 5 minute open spot at a local comedy night. He was asked back the following month and then asked to become resident compare. Within 18 months he had already got into the final and semi-final of 2 national competitions.

Duncan was soon being paid to perform all over the country. Performing took a back seat during his mental health nurse training, which keeps his feet on the ground. But he's back with a bang. Performing at Greenbelt 2006

it was never in doubt he would be behind the mike again, and if you watch him perform you would see why. He once said "when you hear the sound of laughter you get a glimpse of how God intended things to be". Equally comfortable in front of a secular or Christian audience, he looks to honour God through laughter. A must see.

Finalist Laughing horse new act competition 2004

Semi finalist J20 new act competition

"Great delivery ..Great material " **XS Malarkey**

"Just gets better. A must see" **Surgery comedy club**

"Not a dip throughout the whole routine...fantastic"

Just fair laughs



Here are some nice things people have said about Isaac...

“A really great night – fantastic!” **New Life Church**

“You rocked!” **Abi Janes, UCB Radio**

“Really Great! A refreshing approach to evangelism.” **Rev Gordon Crowther, Church Without Walls**

“Superb! I think it’s a brilliant project.” **Steve Vincent, Community Chaplain: North Staffs**

“Everyone had a great night!” **Rev Jonathan Haigh, St. Andrew’s, Dronfield**

“The evening was a great chance for us to do a church thing without it being too churchy. Thought the evening was great!”
Steve James, Downton Church

“A great evening of comedy!” **Greg Sammons, Cross Rhythms FM**

“Comedy as a fresh expression of church what a wonderful idea! You stormed it!” **Claire Barlow, Doncaster**

“Absolutely Brilliant!” **The Lighthouse, Liverpool**

“Thanks for a great evening’s entertainment!” **Chris Wheeler, Hemyock, Devon**

“Awesome!” **Scott Ralph, Stoke**

“Amazingly Funny!” **Dick Bonham, Imprint Theatre**

So What Next?

It's easy: pick a venue, book the boys, get a crowd, then sit back and relax into an evening of wholesome comedy entertainment.

The standard event involves 2-3 comedians performing a show. However, any of the comedians in our network can be booked to perform individually at an event.

To make a booking or for a preliminary enquiry email info@isaacproject.co.uk
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