

easylaughs

THE GROUP

easylaughs: comedy improvisation in English. A cast of 6 actors takes suggestions from the audience and performs comedy scenes based on those suggestions. High energy and highly interactive, easylaughs performs every Friday night at the Crea Cafe. easylaughs also offers a full range of courses and every Sunday a walk-in improv workshop for all levels of experience.

easylaughs is an international improvised comedy group based in Amsterdam. Many of the players are full-time actors and theater teachers and between have been playing for 10 together. The cast includes: Nicole Mischler, Peter More, Jochem Meijer, Mark Giesbers, Ben Silburn, Sarah Grimmer, Kiki Hohnen, Trista Mrema, Annelies van Dam, Luke Davies and Ashley Moore. The cast is international with 3 Dutch, 3 British, 2 Americans, 2 Australians, and a New Zealander.

The cast includes voice actors, television presenters and writers.

The cozy and welcoming atmosphere of the Crea cafe works hand in hand with the community based structure of easylaughs. For 5 years easylaughs has provided Amsterdam with an affordable and intimate improv comedy experience as well as doing more to foster a community than any other group.

THE SHOWS

easylaughs puts on three shows on a Friday night at the Crea Muziekzaal at the Crea Café in central Amsterdam. A cosy, cabaret-style space sitting up to 90.

At 20:30 is their long-running The Friday Show, a chance to unwind at the end of a working week and kick off the weekend watching improv at its finest. A cast of 6 actors takes suggestions from the audience and performs comedy scenes based on those suggestions. High energy and highly interactive.

At 22:30 is the Late Show which features a number of different formats but has the same element of energy, interaction and good, honest comedy.

- **SuperScene**
Its movie time! Five directors compete to tell the ultimate story based on suggestions from the audience. Only one director will make it all the way through to complete the final SuperScene!
- **The Rumble**
Get ready to RUMBLE!!! The gloves come off as two teams battle it out to become ultimate champions in this comedy fight to the death.

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- **Unplugged**
Where easylaughs drop the games and gimmicks and take suggestions to create pure scenes and stories. But, of course, the comedy remains intact.
- **Powerball Xtra**
The show where easylaughs students and members of the public get to perform with us. It's open-stage night tonight so grab a number and wait till you're called up!
- **The IMPROV Apprentice**
"You're FIRED!" Six budding actors compete for a place in the cast of next week's show, all watched by "The Donald" and his two assistants. The audience decides the winning teams, and for the losers that can only mean the boardroom where someone will be fired. Who will stay alive, and who will become the next IMPROV Apprentice?!
- **CSI Amsterdam**
Improvised crime drama. One crime, two cops, five suspects... whodunit?! You decide in this improvised murder mystery. With donuts.

Ten minutes after the Late Show has finished, we run the easyLab: a 15 minute forum for us to try out new formats and material.

easylaughs also features guest performers from improv groups from all over Holland.

TEACHING, COACHING AND TEAMBUILDING

easylaughs teaches a range of courses in comedy improvisation and related subjects. We currently give four levels of improvisational comedy classes followed, the fourth involving more specialised classes such as Acting for Improv and Intensive Performance. Courses typically run for 8 weeks.

Every Sunday from 12-2, easylaughs offers a walk-in improv workshop for all levels of experience, including none. Given each week by a different cast member and concentrating on a different aspect of improv performance, the workshops are a perfect way for experienced improvisers to keep it up and newcomers to see how it works for them before committing to a full course.

NOTICES

Never ceases to entertain – **Het Parool**

Really enjoyed myself – **Checkuit**

Fun – **Expatica**

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HISTORY

easylaughs formed in the spring of 2005 from the highly successful group, Problem Solved which formed out of the keen followers of an improv course in 2000. Joined by other performers trained in other parts of the world, they started performing at the Cameleon Theater in Amsterdam. The show became regular and then more frequent until they established a regular show once a month at the Cameleon. Here they also taught courses and ran weekly open workshops.

The easylaughs group formed to make the shows weekly and this needed a change of venue, which is where the Crea comes in. Now they perform three shows every Friday night at the Crea Muziekzaal, as well as continuing to run the courses and workshops.

INFORMATION

Location: Crea Muziekzaal, Turfdraagsterpad 17, part of UvA.

Times: 20:30 and 22:30.

Prices: The Friday Show €10; Late Show: €5; Both: €12.

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