



**Erich McElroy's Imperfect Guide to the US Presidential Debates**  
*Lembit Opik and Josie Long join new comedy show based on the race to be leader of the free world*

**January 17, 2016 - Democrat Debate**

11.30pm Doors, 12.00am Show, Debate from 2am  
with guests Lembit Opik, David Mills, Grainne Maguire and Robyn Perkins

**January 28, 2016 - Republican Debate**

The Hippodrome, London WC2H 7JH  
11.30pm Doors, 12.00am Show, Debate start TBC  
with guests Josie Long, Ola, Robyn Perkins and more TBC

**'A box worth ticking'**

Metro on Erich McElroy

After a successful inauguration last year, London's newest comedy night, **Erich McElroy's Imperfect Guide to the US Presidential Debates**, has announced new dates for 2016 at an exciting new venue - the beautiful cabaret theatre in The Hippodrome.

With the US Presidential election day only 10 months away, Erich's political comedy nights have already served as a vital and funny introduction to the personalities and issues that are shaping the ever more exciting race to be the next leader of the free world.

**'Cracking, consistently intriguing and innovative formula'**

★★★★ Plays to See

Picking over the foibles and faux-pas of the various contenders are UK-based American comedian and pundit **Erich McElroy**, former MP **Lembit Opik**, acclaimed comedian and broadcaster **Josie Long**, rising political comedian **Grainne Maguire**, waspish and sharp **David Mills** and prolific comedy writer and performer from The Comedy Store Live on Comedy Central, **Ola**.

“We’re getting close to selection time, where both parties take a gamble on who represents them and then the whole country does” says host and creator Erich McElroy, “so where better to roll the dice on the worlds future than a luxurious casino?”

The debates will be live-Tweeted by participants and audience alike using #USDebateUK and their contributions screened. Meanwhile the panel will be broadcast live on Periscope and available to comedy fans and political wonks around the world!

**The race to be the next leader of ‘the free world’ is the greatest show on Earth - therefore Erich McElroy’s Imperfect Guide to the US Presidential Debates is the second greatest.**

**So be there or be slightly less great.**

**“Smart, sharp, endearing comic”**  
The List

**“Well worth it, even if you’re not in the least bit political.”**  
Edinburgh Evening News

Originally from Seattle, Erich McElroy has lived in the UK since 2000. Though he left behind baseball and apple pie, Erich has never given up an obsession with American politics, after all what’s funnier – a by-election in Dullsville-upon-Boredom or a debate where everyone involved has a gun? Erich has been in demand as a pundit and has written for **The Independent**, **The Herald**, **The Huffington Post** and even **Saga**. Erich’s broadcasting credits include **BBC News**, **BBC Breakfast**, **STV** and **Newsnight** and he weekly ~~can be heard each week as co-host~~ of SomeNews Live on **Fubar Radio**.

**Erich’s guests:**

**Lembit Opik**  
**@lembitopik**

Former MP and leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats, Lembit has since appeared on numerous TV comedy and reality shows.

**David Mills**  
**@DavidMillsDept**

David won the New Act of the Year competition in 2011 and has since enjoyed successful Fringe runs including with *Scott Capurro’s Position*.

**Grainne Maguire**  
**@grainnemaguire**

Grainne has appeared on Stewart Lee’s Alternative Comedy show on Comedy Central, The Now Show, Front Row, Women’s Hour and An Idiots Guide. She has written on 8 Out of 10 Cats, The News Quiz, The Now Show, Dead Ringers, Newsjack and Channel Four’s “Alternative Election Night”.

**Robyn Perkins**  
**@robynhperkins**

American comedienne Robyn Perkins has been bringing her 'engaging persona' (Steve Bennett, Chortle) to comedy clubs around the UK and US since 2011. Robyn is a prolific MC, including at a weekly professional standup night in Battersea (Laugh Train Home). In 2015 Robyn was part of AAA at The Pleasance in Edinburgh, having been a finalist in several prestigious comedy competitions, including English Comedian of the Year in 2014.

### **Josie Long**

**@josielong**

Highly acclaimed comedian Josie Long started comedy aged 14 and won the BBC New Comedy Awards aged 17. Her first full hour show won best newcomer in Edinburgh in 2006. Among her numerous radio and TV appearances are The News Quiz, Just A Minute, Never Mind the Buzzcocks and 8 out of 10 Cats.

### **Ola**

**@olathecomedian**

A regular with The Comedy Store's Cutting Edge, Ola has appeared on, among others Comedy Central, ITV4 and MTV Base; he writes for BBC Radio 4's *The Now Show*, *The News Quiz* and for *Nathan Caton's Don't Tell Me Nothing* in which he also appears.

### **Full listing:**

**Title:** Erich McElroy's Imperfect Guide to the US Presidential Debates

**Venue:** The Hippodrome Casino London - Cranbourn Street Leicester Square WC2H 7JH GB

**Nearest tube:** Leicester Square - 0 minutes walk!

**Tickets:**

**Eventbrite links:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/erich-mcelroys-imperfect-guide-to-the-us-presidential-debates-tickets-20021285203?aff=es2>

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**Dates:** 17 and 28 January, 2016

**Age:** 18+

**Time:**

**Duration:** 4.5 hours

**Entry:** £11.49 in advance

**Hashtag for the night:** #USdebateUK

### **Images and Links:**

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