

Erich McElroy's Imperfect Guide to the US Presidential Debates



Lembit Opik joins new comedy show based on the race to be leader of the free world

November 15, Slug & Lettuce, County Hall, London SE1
6.30pm Doors, 7.00pm Show, Debate from 8.30pm

“A box worth ticking”
Metro on Erich McElroy

After a successful inauguration, London’s newest comedy night, **Erich McElroy’s Imperfect Guide to the US Presidential Debates** has announced its second event - an afternoon of comedy and an unpicking of the Democrat Party clash between **Hillary Clinton**, socialist grandpa **Bernie Sanders** and that other guy (**Martin O’Malley**).

Among the line-up, hosted by UK-based American comedian **Erich McElroy**, will be former MP **Lembit Opik**, waspish and sharp countryman **David Mills** and prolific comedy writer and performer from The Comedy Store Live on Comedy Central, **Ola**.

“After last time we realized that maybe staying up until 4am was too much to ask of any political comedy obsessive” says McElroy, “so this time we are doing it as a relaxed Sunday replay affair. If you can resist reading the US headlines on Saturday morning it will still be fun to watch and see if Bernie had a bad hair night or if Martin O’Malley’s voice finally breaks. Once again all eyes will be on Hillary Clinton. She had a good first debate, but the big question will be, ‘Can she improve the amount of time it takes her to have a wee?’ Join us on Sunday and we will take you through every detail of every follicle and vocal chord movement.”

Highlights of the first event, during which assembled wonks furiously tweeted funnies, included the Republican candidates talking about the Federal Reserve at 1.30am - always rock n’ roll. Other fun times came when Ted Cruz nearly won the debate by attacking the evil that is the media - just for being there, and when Governor Kasich ruined his chances to be President by reminding Republicans he has successfully worked in government before.

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 can be heard each week as co-host of SomeNews Live on **Fubar Radio**.

Because Erich continues his war on sleep he will be live tweeting the 10th November Republican debate as well, from @erichmcelroy with the hashtag. #USdebateUK

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*.

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: Crack Comedy Club – Southbank, The Slug and Lettuce, County Hall, North Block (1-63), 5 Chicheley Street, London SE1 7PJ

Nearest tube: Waterloo (5 minutes walk)

Tickets: http://www.crackcomedy.com/index.php?id_page=294&id_language=1&id_gig=27897

Dates: Sunday 15 November, 2015

Age: 18+

Time: 7pm until 10.30pm, debate around 8.30pm

Duration: 3.5 hours

Entry: £10 in advance, £5 students

Hashtag for the night: #USdebateUK

Images and Links:

Images: <http://tinyurl.com/n9odev>

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