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CALLING ALL WANNABE COMEDIANS!!

Anyone who has ever seen themselves as a frustrated stand up comedian, or who fancies trying stand up comedy for the first time, is being offered the chance to fulfil their ambition and take to the stage as part of this year's Bury Fringe Festival. "The Stand Up Open Mic" night will take place on Saturday 30th April in The Attic at Benson Blakes in Bury St Edmunds, and wannabe comedians will simply need to have between 2 and 5 minutes comedy prepared to present to the audience in order to take part.

Bury Fringe Festival organiser, Claire Pruden explains: "The Fringe Festival is all about community, and there are so many people in Suffolk who love comedy and who watch professionals in shows and think 'what if?'. This is their chance to have a go and see how it goes – we're looking for anyone at all, male or female, young or old, from all walks of life, the only requirements being that you have rehearsed a few minutes of material and that you are happy to take to the stage".

The Bury Fringe Festival was relaunched in 2010 and is a completely independent festival of arts, music and comedy, comprising both local and national talent, and will run from April 30th through until May 14th at various venues around Bury St Edmunds. The official launch of the festival and announcements of the full line up of acts will be on Friday 1st April from 6pm in The Attic at Benson Blakes.

To apply for a spot at the Open Mic night or for more information, you should email enquiries@buryfringe.com. More information on the Fringe Festival can be found at www.buryfringe.com.

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