



Laurel & Hardy: The Birmingham Connection

Juniper Room: Wednesday 18th December, 10:30—12:30

Runtime: 2 hours

Admission: £3 [To include £1 speaker's fee]

Following the success of last Christmas' Laurel and Hardy Movie Morning, once again John (Ullah) will regale us with his extensive knowledge of Laurel and Hardy. If you remember last years topic was "Charlie Hall and the Birmingham connection. Charlie Hall was the Birmingham born fall guy who co-starred in nearly 50 of Laurel and Hardy's classic movies. For this years Christmas double bill, John will inform us of "Laurel & Hardy and their Birmingham Connections" and will showcase two Laurel and Hardy comedy shorts with a Christmas theme.

Laurel & Hardy have more links to Birmingham than almost any other city. They performed in the city five times, playing at various venues, some of which still stand today. The Laurel & Hardy Appreciation Society, called 'Sons of the Desert', also has its founding roots here in Birmingham. This interactive talk will trigger memories of the past, with a chance to share your stories and connections to the places Stan and Ollie visited.

John is an excellent speaker, published author and an international acclaimed reputation for his Laurel and Hardy knowledge. Hope you can all make it to what I can guarantee will be a very informative and amusing morning that will cheer you up for the forthcoming Christmas season. The usual choc-ices will be replaced by seasonal mince pies and popcorn. As the URC restaurant is closed on Wednesdays, please feel free to bring in your own drinks to wash them down. The wearing of Christmammy headgear and jumpers is to be encouraged.

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