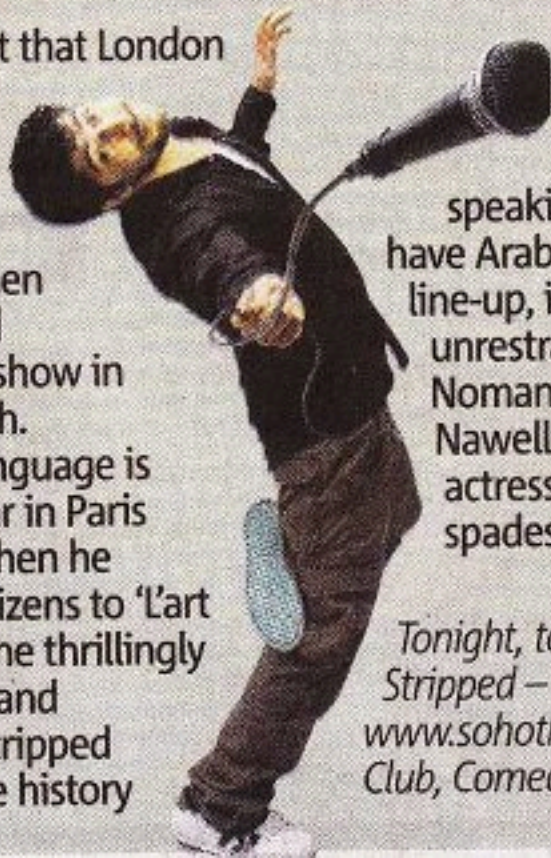


COMEDY

**Eddie Izzard Stripped
– Tout En Français
+ Jamel Comedy Club**

If you ever had any doubt that London is France's sixth largest city (there are now more French people here than in Bordeaux, Nantes or Strasbourg), then here's proof: Eddie Izzard performing his Stripped show in London, entirely in French.

His command of the language is now superb, and last year in Paris earned major plaudits when he introduced the city's denizens to 'l'art de talking cobblers' via the thrillingly surreal pot shots at God and creationism that make Stripped and its romp through the history



of civilisation a must-see. If you've caught the show before and speak French you're seriously lucky: opportunities to see a five-star show rendered in a different language are as rare as hen's teeth.

On Monday there is another Gallic treat as Jamel Comedy Club returns to the

Comedy Store after a successful show in June.

This time, Jamel Debbouze's showcase of new French-speaking talent – many of whom have Arab or African origins – has a new line-up, including impetuous and unrestrained half-Tunisian-half-Iraqi Noman Hosni and Paris-based Belgian Nawell Madani, a dancer turned actress turned comic with allure in spades. Vive la France!

Sharon Lougher

Tonight, tomorrow and Wed, Eddie Izzard: Stripped – Tout En Français, Soho Theatre. www.sohotheatre.com Mon, Jamel Comedy Club, Comedy Store. thecomedystore.co.uk



Gallic gags: Francophile Eddie Izzard; (inset) Jamel Comedy Club's Norman Hosni