



**A PRYOR ENGAGEMENT**

# Richard Pryor: A Comedy Genius

*We are delighted to welcome comedian, writer and presenter Angie Le Mar and comedian, writer and actor Kojo Anim for this discussion hosted by Anthony Andrews (We are Parable).*

Join us for a richly illustrated panel discussion, presented in partnership with We Are Parable, that will explore Pryor's memorable stand-up moments and film roles. We'll reflect on how he used his personal experiences as inspiration for his comedic work and how he revolutionised the comedy genre. Our special guests will also discuss his legacy, and his influence on a huge number of comedians that followed.

**Angie Le Mar** was the first Black female stand-up on the British comedy circuit. Thirty years later, she is recognised as a multi-award winning comedienne, TV and radio presenter/star, business woman, entrepreneur, speaker, director, producer and writer. Angie recently appeared on ITV's *Craig & Danny: Funny, Black & On TV* and *Black, British & Funny*, a new Channel 4 documentary by Mo Gilligan.

**Kojo Anim** has fast become one of the funniest talents to come out of the UK comedy circuit in the last 10 years. While his first love was always football, he started using his humour to make people laugh in his local team. Kojo has since opened up for Chris Rock, Kevin Hart at Wembley Arena and Dave Chappelle at the Royal Albert Hall. In 2018 Kojo became a father for the first time to his son Roman-Kingsley and is now penning a new 1 hour show all about fatherhood. Kojo was the finalist on the series 13 of TV talent show *Britain's Got Talent* and received Simon Cowell's prestigious Golden Buzzer.

**Host: Anthony Andrews** is a multi-award winning co-founder and creative director of We Are Parable, a film exhibition company which provides audiences across the UK opportunities to experience Black Cinema in culturally relevant and memorable ways. With a decade's experience in the film industry, Anthony has collaborated with some of the biggest studios in the world, including Netflix, Warner Brothers, Prime Video, Marvel and Disney. Since forming the business, Anthony has worked with Idris Elba, Justin Simien, Amma Asante and Spike Lee and has interviewed Academy Award winners Steve McQueen and Jennifer Hudson. In 2020, Anthony co-curated *Who We Are*, an unprecedented digital takeover of the BFI, which celebrated the canon of Black British Cinema. Earlier this year, a new iteration of *Who We Are* was launched, with We Are Parable creating experiences for Black Cinema across the UK, whilst collaborating with some of the UK's most well-known independent cinemas.

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### Richard Pryor: Live in Concert

Wed 1 Sep 20:50; Fri 1 Oct 18:00

### Some Call It Loving

Thu 2 Sep 20:40; Mon 20 Sep 18:00

(+ pre-recorded intro)

### Lady Sings the Blues

Sat 4 Sep 11:30; Wed 15 Sep 13:50; Mon 27 Sep 20:20

### The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars & Motor Kings

Sat 4 Sep 20:30; Sat 25 Sep 14:45

### Blue Collar

Mon 6 Sep 14:30; Fri 17 Sep 20:40 (+ pre-recorded intro);

Tue 5 Oct 17:35

### Jo Jo Dancer, Your Life Is Calling

Tue 7 Sep 18:10 (+ pre-recorded intro); Mon 4 Oct 20:45

### African Odysseys Presents: The Black History of Comedy

Fri 10 Sep 18:15

### Wattstax

Fri 10 Sep 21:00; Tue 14 Sep 18:00; Sat 18 Sep 20:10

### Car Wash

Sat 11 Sep 17:50; Tue 28 Sep 20:50

### Blazing Saddles

Sat 11 Sep 20:45; Wed 22 Sep 18:15

### Silver Streak

Sun 12 Sep 15:15; Wed 29 Sep 20:45

### Which Way Is Up?

Wed 15 Sep 21:00; Sun 26 Sep 18:10

### Richard Pryor: A Comedy Genius

Thu 16 Sep 18:15

### Stir Crazy

Sun 19 Sep 18:10; Fri 1 Oct 20:30

### Bustin' Loose

Mon 20 Sep 21:00; Sun 3 Oct 18:10

### Richard Pryor: Live on the Sunset Strip

Tue 21 Sep 18:00 (+ discussion); Mon 4 Oct 18:20

### Richard Pryor... Here and Now

Wed 22 Sep 20:45; Sat 2 Oct 18:00

### Brewster's Millions

Thu 23 Sep 20:45; Sun 3 Oct 15:15

A Pryor Engagement was originally programmed by Nellie Killian for BAMcinématek in 2013

This season is presented in partnership with We Are Parable

## IN PERSON & PREVIEWS

### Prime Suspect: 30th Anniversary (First Series Complete Screening)

Sun 19 Sep 14:00

### Lynda La Plante in Conversation

Sun 19 Sep 18:45

### 60th Anniversary: Whistle Down the Wind

+ actor Hayley Mills in Conversation

Sun 3 Oct 12:00

## NEW RELEASES & RE-RELEASES

### Souad

Continues from Fri 27 Aug

### Wildfire

From Fri 3 Sep

### Annette

From Fri 10 Sep

### The Maltese Falcon

From Fri 17 Sep

### Rose Plays Julie

From Fri 17 Sep

## REGULAR PROGRAMME

### Gallivant + intro by Eden and Andrew Kötting

Sat 18 Sep 14:30

### Short Films by Eden and Andrew Kötting + Andrew Kötting in

Conversation with film curator Gareth Evans

Sat 18 Sep 18:00

### Projecting the Archive: Flesh and Blood + intro by Jason Morell,

actor and son of Joan Greenwood

Tue 21 Sep 18:10

### Art in the Making: Cinema Architecture and Atmosphere + discussion

Thu 23 Sep 18:10

### Member Picks: Moonstruck

Fri 24 Sep 18:05

### Silent Cinema: Nasty Women: A Comic Tribute + intro by curator

Bryony Dixon

Sun 26 Sep 12:40

### Relaxed Screening: Seeing The Unseen (Að sjá hið ósýnilega)

Tue 28 Sep 18:00

### Terror Vision: Altered States

Thu 30 Sep 21:00

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