

From Screen to Stage: Ashish Vidyarthi Takes Spotlight in a Hilarious Stand-Up Special at Royal Opera House, Mumbai

"Comedy is a conversation. That's the most important thing. It's not about me telling you jokes. It's about us, as a society, laughing at ourselves."

-Trevor Noah, South African Stand-up Comedian & Television Host

Stand-up comedy is like a pressure cooker for emotions – the comedian lets off steam through jokes, and the audience finds release through laughter. When humor tackles a tough subject and elicits laughter, a sense of shared understanding and relief washes over the room. It is a reminder that others grapple with similar experiences. Comedy also shines a light on societal inconsistencies and hypocrisy, exposing them for what they are. A skilled artist can spark realizations about personal and societal issues by presenting them from a fresh perspective.

The graph of stand-up comedy growth in India has grown remarkably. In just over a decade, since the late 2000s, the field has blossomed into a thriving entertainment industry. One of the first milestones came in 2009 with the launch of 'Hamateur Nights,' an open mic event started by Vir Das in India. The event drew a sizeable audience of nearly 300 people. The year 2010 marked a turning point with the establishment of The Comedy Store in Mumbai's Palladium Mall, the first dedicated space for professional stand-up comedy in India.

Building on the success of the grand opening last month, **Royal Opera House, Mumbai** is excited to present the second chapter of the **Royal Opera House Comedy Series** with *Actor, Motivational Speaker, Vlogger, and Comedian Ashish Vidyarthi's 'Sit Down Ashish'* in association with **Avid Learning** and **The Entertainment Factory** on the 25th of May (Saturday), **7:30 PM onwards**.

About the Show:

"Sit Down Ashish" is Ashish Vidyarthi's 1st ever 50+ Stand-Up Comedy Special. It is a tongue-in-cheek take on his life, from Delhi to the 'city of dreams' - Mumbai, a journey which over the last 30 years has taken him across the country, doing more than 300 films across 11 languages. This show celebrates his victories and collapses with equal candor. In a world where we take life too seriously, he loves to live the way he does, with his weight, gait, and burps...and when people say, "Sit Down Ashish," he says that's a great idea, and takes it on as the title of the show. Welcome to an evening of anecdotes from films, life, and dreams to a place with no age bar... *so ho befikr aur hasle meray yaar*. Come with your family and friends and laugh at him at your own expense!

The Royal Opera House Comedy Series kicked off last month with a bang, featuring the critically acclaimed **Anuvab Pal** with his hilarious show '**The Nation Wants to Know**.' This series is a monthly showcase of India's top comedic talent and leading stand-up artists. Starting with English, the humor extravaganza will diversify by presenting performances in regional languages, adding a multilingual flavor to the comedy scene.

The Royal Opera House, Mumbai, with its rich history and grandeur, constantly strives to present the classic, diverse, and contemporary genres in art attracting patrons of all ages and backgrounds by bringing in the best artists from around the country and across the globe to the maximum city! Being India's only surviving Opera House, we recognize the importance of leveraging the stage to showcase the talents and skills of performing artists from all over while also exposing the audiences to multidisciplinary cross-genre fusions and collaborations.

Avid Learning has demonstrated a keen understanding of Mumbai's comedic pulse, tickling the funny bones of residents through its programming. Having previously presented thought-provoking comedy writing workshops and insightful humor-themed panel discussions, we are taking it a notch above with the comedy series.

The Royal Opera House Mumbai is not new to the world of stand-up comedy. We have hosted some of India's comedy heavyweights in the past, including Rohan Joshi, Kenny Sebastian, Aditi Mittal, Kanan Gill, and Amit Tandon, just to name a few. We have also had a Marathi Standup with BhaDiPa opening our doors to regional comic audiences

Join us with your loved ones for an evening of anecdotes and unforgettable laughs!

When: Saturday, 25th May at 7:30 PM

Where: Royal Opera House Mumbai

Tickets: [Bookmyshow.com](https://bookmyshow.com)

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Artist Bio:

Ashish has worked in 11 languages in over 300+ films. As the co-founder of Avid Miner, he leads workshops and learning programs that have inspired countless individuals to build extraordinary lives and transform into leaders. A charismatic influencer and food & travel vlogger with a massive following on social media, he has shown us the beauty in the simplicity and diversity of our world. His inspiring vlogs have been watched and loved by millions across social media platforms. Being awarded the "Best Travel & Food Vlogger" by Lokmat #LokmatDigitalCreatorAwards 2023 is a testament to his popularity. With his ignite conversations, transformational workshops, and captivating shows, Ashish has become a force to be reckoned with in the world of business and personal development.