

Russell HOWARD'S GOOD NEWS

"stupendously successful topical comedy show"

Sharon Lougher, Metro

"Quite the pan-generational sex symbol and ruffled comedy god these days; a huge TV star"

Alison Graham, Radio Times

Russell Howard's Good News returns for a brand new series on Thursday 25th April. BBC Three's most successful entertainment series, the show was also recently voted the 'Best Ever BBC Three Show' by Digital Spy users, taking the top spot ahead of Gavin and Stacey, Little Britain and Being Human. Russell Howard's Good News regularly achieves audiences of over a million viewers and is regularly one of the most watched shows on BBC iPlayer.

RUSSELL will once again be offering up an insightful look at global goings-on and find his own uniquely upbeat angle on the news each week, from over 60 international news channels, 140 newspapers from around the world and over a thousand news clips. He and his Good News team will leave no stone left unturned in their pursuit of the strange and sublime stories that have been dominating the media over the past seven days. As always, RUSSELL will be joined by a mystery guest who has featured in the news that week. In the last series our host received a lesson in hairdressing from the UK sheep shearing champion and threw some memorable moves with the world's top female bodyguard. RUSSELL will also invite members of the public to make the Good News front page themselves with their own weird and wonderful stories in regular feature 'Headliners'.

Russell Howard's Good News is filmed live in front of a studio audience and viewers at home can shape the show's agenda by submitting news stories online via Twitter @bbcgoodnews.

RUSSELL HOWARD has released three best-selling live DVDs, Right Here, Right Now (2011), Russell Howard Live – Dingleberries (2009) and Russell Howard Live (2008) each title being in the top 5 DVD comedy chart during their year of release. In 2011 RUSSELL embarked on the sell-out, nationwide, triple-extended arena tour, Right Here, Right Now, which saw him perform to over 240,000 fans across the country, including three sold-out dates at London's O2 arena. Russell Howard's Good News regularly trends globally on twitter during each episode. RUSSELL HOWARD has over 2.5 million fans on Facebook and alongside LEE EVANS, is the joint-third most searched for comedian on Google.

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AVALON TELEVISION

Currently **Avalon Television** have in production: the sixth series of the *Royal Television Society* and *Rose D'Or* award-winning sitcom Not Going Out (BBC ONE), series eight of Russell Howard's Good News (BBC Three), brand new Saturday night comedy entertainment show I Love My Country (BBC ONE), brand new character comedy Lee Nelson's Well Funny People and late night comedy show Live At The Electric (BBC THREE) hosted by RUSSELL KANE. Avalon Television also produces: critically-acclaimed topical comedy show Frank Skinner's Opinionated (BBC TWO); That Sunday Night Show (ITV1), hosted by ADRIAN CHILES; You Cannot Be Serious! (ITV1) a topical sports entertainment series, hosted by ALISTAIR MCGOWAN

This year in the US, Avalon Television is producing season three of Workaholics, the most successful non-animated scripted comedy series in Comedy Central history, and John Oliver's New York Stand-up Show (Comedy Central). As well as the second season of Rove: LA, with host ROVE MCMANUS for FOX8 and the first season of Bunk (IFC), a game show parody hosted by KURT BRAUNOHLER. Also an established provider of digital content, The Handlers, starring BRYAN CRANSTON, is currently represented on Atom.com.

Avalon Television also produces successful radio shows: BBC Radio 5 Live's 7 Day Sunday hosted by AL MURRAY with regular contributors including ANDY ZALTZMAN and REBECCA FRONT; 8 series of Heresy (BBC Radio 4); Russell Kane's Whistle Stop Tour (BBC Radio 2); Dave Gorman's Sunday Morning Show for Absolute Radio, the first commercial radio podcast to rise as high as number 1 in the iTunes Podcast chart; The Frank Skinner Show, Absolute Radio's Saturday morning's flagship show, whose spin-off podcasts received 10.1 million downloads in 2011 alone; and critically acclaimed comedy dramas, Living with Mother (BBC Radio 4) featuring ALISON STEADMAN, TIMOTHY SPALL, PENELOPE KEITH, Mr Blue Sky (BBC Radio 4) starring MARK BENTON and two series of Don't Start (BBC Radio 4), written and starring FRANK SKINNER.

Avalon Television, founded in 1993, have supplied to all major UK channels and leading cable and satellite stations, in addition to content for radio broadcasters. Avalon Television has produced Fantasy Football League (BBC TWO, ITV1) with DAVID BADDIEL and FRANK SKINNER; three series of BAFTA award-winning The Harry Hill Show (Channel 4); the quadruple-BAFTA and triple *British Comedy* award-winning Harry Hill's TV Burp (ITV1); the first ever UK arena comedy show Baddiel and Newman in Pieces at Wembley and Royal Television Society Award nominated The Frank Skinner Show (BBC ONE, ITV1), which is widely credited as setting the tone for the modern comedic chat show and ran for nine years, attracting 11 million viewers at its peak.

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