

# FORMER WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR ANTHONY SCARAMUCCI AND DEPUTY LABOUR PARTY LEADER TOM WATSON ANNOUNCED AS UPCOMING GUESTS ON UNSPUN WITH MATT FORDE



Deputy Leader of the Labour Party **Tom Watson** is set to be the next guest on *Unspun with Matt Forde*, broadcast at 10pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of March on Dave. He will be followed by former White House Communications Director and member of Trump's inner circle **Anthony Scaramucci** on Sunday 18th, now reportedly on the list of people banned from inside the White House. Both will be joining **Matt** for an in-depth interview alongside up-to-the-minute political comedy and commentary on the week's events.

Series four has seen former Labour Advisor turned stand-up comedian **Matt Forde** offer his sharp take on breaking news and current affairs alongside delving in to the more human side of Britain's leading political figures through in-studio interviews with **Alastair Campbell, Yvette Cooper, Lord Adonis, Vince Cable, Nadine Dorries** and **Justine Greening**.

*"Unspun has quickly established itself as the official opposition to mainstream political debate with its smart mix of comedy, satire and debate – not only attracting big laughs but some of the biggest names in British politics onto the show"* **Tim Glanfield, Radio Times**

*Unspun With Matt Forde* has been nominated for *Best Entertainment Programme* at the Broadcast Digital Awards, and over the last three series, **Matt** has enjoyed guests including **Tony Blair, Harriet Harman, Robin Cook**, and **Anne Widdicombe**. For the first time, this highly

topical political comedy chat show is being recorded on the same evening of transmission, and extended in-depth version, **Unspun XL with Matt Forde**, is broadcast on the channel later that week, taking the run to 8x30' and 8x60'. In addition to **Matt** tackling some of the biggest stories in politics including EU divorce bills, Westminster hatches and dispatches and the impending impeachment of **Donald Trump** (the last one might be wishful thinking), he has also be joined by special guest comedians to unpick the week's events and no episode would be complete without the backing of the country's only rock band made up of current and former politicians, **MP4**.

**Matt** said "One of the great benefits of the impending global recession, rising sea levels and a nuclear war is that I get to sit behind a desk and make snarky comments about it all and I think we'd all agree that's a price worth paying"

#### What the Press has said about **Unspun with Matt Forde**:

*"Proving that politics doesn't have to be as dull as ditchwater and that there is still a place for informed satire, Matt Forde is back with a series that in its first season last year proved to be both funny and intellectually literate...Forde consistently demonstrates he has his finger on the pulse as he interviews leading political figures" ★★★★★ **Mark Wareham, Mail On Sunday***

*"Dave has pulled off a coup by getting Matt Forde to present this topical programme, fresh from his success at the Edinburgh Festival...a political show for people who find political shows boring. Forde does impressions, interviews MPs and tries to make sense of a world that makes no sense. He is a funny — and sensible — guy." **David Chester, The Times***

*"The show attracts a high calibre of guest ... expect overarching joviality" **Michael Hogan, Daily Telegraph***

*"Unspun with Matt Forde ... is supposed to be a political comedy show but it is in danger of becoming the best forum for politicians to have their voices heard in a calm, reasonable way." **Steve Hendry, The Sunday Mail***

*"Matt Forde's political comedy chat show is always a real treat, not only offering an irreverent, up-to-the-minute take on what's happening at Westminster but, refreshingly, allowing political figures of all persuasions to reveal themselves as actual human-ish beings." **Mike Ward, Critics Choice in The Daily Express***

*"Given his status as a resolute Blairite, Matt Forde occupies an unpopular niche in the British political landscape. What with the current dangerous tendency of people on all sides to simply hear what they want to hear, this makes him the perfect candidate to present a topical comedy show. Expect a few mangled sacred cows as Forde cheerfully upsets Brexiters and Corbynites alike." **Andrew Mueller, The Guardian Guide***

*"Between the turmoil of Brexit and the constant flow of headlines generated by the Trump administration, Matt Forde (...) has no shortage of material for his returning political satire. ... a mix of interviews, riffs and impressions, recorded on the evening of transmission." **Robin Wiggs, Daily Mail Weekend***

*"Can I warmly recommend Unspun With Matt Forde. Up-to-the-minute, witty, yes, funny (which means laughter if it's been too long), Forde has the knack of dealing with a serious subject and getting some excellent gags" **David Stephenson, Sunday Express***

*"[Matt's] interview with Tony Blair was deservedly acclaimed" **Andrew Mueller, Guardian Guide***

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