

## ROB DELANEY'S STAND UP CENTRAL SET TO PREMIERE ON COMEDY CENTRAL UK FROM 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### HEADLINE PERFORMANCES FROM JON RICHARDSON, PAUL CHOWDHRY, MO GILLIGAN, LUISA OMIELAN, SARA PASCOE, SUZI RUFFELL, IAIN STIRLING AND JOE WILKINSON ALSO ANNOUNCED

Multi-award-winning and critically acclaimed stand-up comedian, Rob Delaney, best known as the co-star and co-writer of the globally successful *Catastrophe*, is set to host the brand-new series of Comedy Central UK's established stand-up showcase, *Stand Up Central*. The eight-part series, produced by Avalon, will air on Comedy Central UK from 10<sup>th</sup> October at 10pm.

Each 30-minute episode will see *BAFTA Award* winner and *Emmy Award* nominee Rob perform to a live audience alongside two hand-picked comedy acts; a well-known headliner and an exciting new support act. Filmed at the legendary Electric Ballroom in Camden, expect side-splitting performances from headliners Jon Richardson (*8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown*), Paul Chowdhry (*Taskmaster*), Mo Gilligan (*The Russell Howard Hour*), Luisa Omielan (*Live at the Apollo*), Sara Pascoe (*W1A*), Suzi Ruffell (*Roast Battle*), Iain Stirling (*Love Island*) and Joe Wilkinson (*Him & Her*, *8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown*), as well as performances from support acts including Rob Auton (*The Russell Howard Hour*), Flo & Joan (stars of *Nationwide* ad campaign), Adam Hess (*ITV's Tonight at the Palladium*), Emily Lloyd-Saini (*W1A*), Glenn Moore (*Mock The Week*), Nigel Ng (winner of *Amused Moose Laugh Off 2016*), Ahir Shah (*The Mash Report*) and Tom Ward (*Live from the BBC*).

**Rob Delaney** said "*I am so excited to present Stand Up Central. It was so fun to make and I can't wait for everyone to see the amazing comics we've assembled. Also I needed a place to stay for a few nights because my wife's nephews from her previous marriage were visiting and I hate them.*"

The three previous series of *Stand Up Central*, first hosted by Russell Howard and then by Chris Ramsey, delivered strong ratings for the channel. First launching in 2015, the show has reached 7.3 million Individuals across Comedy Central and Comedy Central Extra.

The series is part of Comedy Central UK's ongoing push to diversify its British comedy offering and increase the volume of non-scripted comedy it broadcasts. Most recently, Comedy Central aired its most successful commission to date, *Roast Battle*, has commissioned Talkback to produce a third and fourth series of noughties gameshow, *Your Face or Mine* and, earlier this year, aired the channel's first ever topical chat show, *The Chris Ramsey Show*, also produced by Avalon.

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**EPISODES LIST:**

10<sup>th</sup> October 2018: Jon Richardson and Nigel Ng  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2018: Sara Pascoe and Tom Ward  
24<sup>th</sup> October 2018: Glenn Moore and Mo Gilligan  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2018: Ahir Shah and Luisa Omielan  
7<sup>th</sup> November 2018: Emily Lloyd-Saini and Iain Stirling  
14<sup>th</sup> November 2018: Rob Auton and Suzi Ruffell  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2018: Flo & Joan and Paul Chowdhry  
28<sup>th</sup> November 2018: Adam Hess and Joe Wilkinson

**ABOUT COMEDY CENTRAL UK:**

Comedy Central is a leading Pay TV General Entertainment channel and is part of Viacom International Media Networks (VIMN). A joint venture between VIMN (75%) and BSkyB (25%), Comedy Central airs on the Sky and Virgin Media platforms. Comedy Central launched in the UK in April 2009 and has since grown share by a phenomenal +41%. In Fiscal 2017 (Oct 16 to Sept 17). The Comedy Central Group averaged a share of 2.20%, up +8% YoY and proved the highest year ever for share.

The channel broadcasts a mix of hit US acquisitions and original UK productions targeting a 16-34 year-old audience. Fiscal 2017 saw the Comedy Central Group deliver its highest share ever, which saw the main Comedy Central channel's share up +10% and Comedy Central Extra up +3%

This phenomenal growth is fueled by new UK Commissions Your Face or Mine, Roast Battle (which has proved to be the highest UK commission ever for the channel), Russell Howard and Mum: USA Road Trip, Drunk History and The Chris Ramsey Show. US titles Impractical Jokers, Bob's Burgers and The Middle also continue to draw in massive numbers and popular nostalgic titles such as Friends and 8 Simple Rules are still a ratings hit.

In addition to the main Comedy Central channel are Comedy Central +1, Comedy Central Extra and Comedy Central Extra +1 providing audiences with more viewing opportunities and more fantastic content.

**ABOUT AVALON**

Avalon is a multi-award winning talent management, live promotion and television production group with offices in the UK and the USA.

Avalon and ARG, the talent management arm has discovered and represents many artists which are household names, both in the UK, the USA, and around the world.

In 2018 Avalon was named the number one true independent television production company in the UK and has produced numerous ground-breaking television shows including: Emmy and Peabody award winner Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO), multi-award winning and Emmy-nominated Catastrophe (Channel 4/Amazon Prime), RTS and Rose d'Or winning Not Going Out (the BBC's longest running sitcom currently on air), BAFTA and RTS-nominated Taskmaster (DAVE/UKTV), multi- BAFTA award winning TV Burp (ITV1), Russell Howard's Good News (BBC2), Fantasy Football League (BBC/ITV) and Workaholics (Comedy Central USA).

Avalon and Topical Television form the television arm of the company and other shows recently in production include: Taskmaster USA (Comedy Central), Man Down (C4), Dave Gorman's Modern Life is Goodish (Dave/UKTV), The Chris Ramsey Show (Comedy Central), and The Button (BBC One); whilst the catalogue is sold worldwide by Avalon Distribution.

Avalon produced Newman and Baddiel: Live at Wembley, the UK's first arena comedy show; Jerry Springer: The Opera, the first West End show to win all four UK 'Best New Musical' awards; and has continued to produce live shows globally, as well as promoting more winners and nominees of the prestigious Edinburgh Comedy Award than any other company.

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