

MATT FORDE

BREXIT THROUGH THE GIFT SHOP

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Following a completely sold-out and critically acclaimed run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, star of *Unspun* **Matt Forde** is set to embark on a nationwide tour with stand-up show *Brexit Through The Gift Shop*. The whole thing's a mess and only one person can sort it out. Sadly, we have no idea who. Kick starting with two nights at London's Southbank Centre on the 1st and 5th December, Britain's leading political comedian will play 19 dates at theatres nationwide with his last show as an EU citizen.

Tickets for the Southbank Centre shows are on-sale now and available to buy here www.mattforde.com. The full list of dates can be found at the bottom of this release and will be on-sale shortly.

A former advisor to the Labour Party, **Matt Forde** has hosted four series of *Unspun* on Dave. The highly topical political comedy chat received a nomination for the *Best Entertainment Programme* Broadcast Digital Award this year, following a nomination for the same award last year. In the lead up to the 2017 General Election, **Matt** was a regular guest on the *One Show*, commenting on the best and most bizarre moments of the campaign trail. Matt presents Absolute Radio's weekly *Rock n Roll Football Show* and other broadcast credits currently include: *Have I Got News For You* (BBC One), *The Royal Variety Performance* (ITV), *Mock The Week* (BBC Two), *Rory Bremner's Coalition Report* and *Rory Bremner's Election Report* (BBC Two), *Question Time* (BBC One), *This Week* (BBC One), *Newsnight* (BBC Two) and *Daily Politics* (BBC Two).

Matt Forde's London show, *The Political Party*, has been a sell-out during its monthly residency at Westminster's The Other Palace for nearly six years. **Matt** has brought Parliament to life with his stand-up and debate with some of politics' most powerful and notorious figures, including **Tony Blair, Jacob Rees-Mogg, Ed Balls, Ruth Davidson, Alastair Campbell, Michael Portillo, Harriet Harman, Nigel Farage, Neil Kinnock, Alan Johnson, Lord Prescott, Jack Straw** and **Dame Tessa Jowell**. Upcoming guests include **Emily Thornberry** on the 28th November and **David Blunkett** on the 30th January. *The Political Party* is now released weekly as a podcast and has amassed over 1 million downloads on Soundcloud, received a 2018 *Best Comedy Podcast* nomination from the British Podcast Awards, is one of The Observer's top political podcasts picks, hit the top spot of the iTunes comedy chart, was highlighted as the Daily Telegraph's podcast of the week and was nominated for the *Internet Award* at the Chortle Awards.

WHAT THE PRESS SAID ABOUT BREXIT THROUGH THE GIFT SHOP:

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"With it's many hilarious, but also very useful analogies, it breaks down the goings on in parliament with impressive wit, insider knowledge and tear inducing, uncanny impressions" ★★★★★ Megan McEachern, The Sunday Post

★★★★★ John Nicholson, The New European

"very funny... exceptionally gifted" ★★★★★ Margot Quinn, one4review

"Forde brilliantly caricatures dominant political figures on the global stage allowing his audience to find rare comfort in an uncertain age." ★★★★★ Olivia Jackson, The Edinburgh Reporter

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"highly entertaining" Chris Green, The i

For more information and press tickets, please contact: Victoria Wedderburn at vwedderburn@avalon-entertainment.com /
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Tour dates

Saturday	01-Dec-18	London, Southbank Centre Purcell Room
Wednesday	05-Dec-18	London, Southbank Centre Purcell Room
Friday	01-Feb-19	Camberley Theatre
Saturday	02-Feb-19	Gloucester, Guildhall
Sunday	03-Feb-19	Salford, The Lowry
Saturday	09-Feb-19	Maidstone, Hazlitt Theatre
Thursday	21-Feb-19	Hexham, Queens Hall
Friday	22-Feb-19	Northallerton, The Forum
Saturday	23-Feb-19	Teesdale, Barnard Castle
Sunday	24-Feb-19	Darlington, Hippodrome
Friday	01-Mar-19	Stourbridge, Town Hall
Friday	08-Mar-19	Stafford Gatehouse
Thursday	14-Mar-19	Cambridge Junction
Friday	15-Mar-19	Corby, The Core at The Cube
Sunday	31-Mar-19	Bristol, Hen & Chicken Studio
Sunday	12-May-19	Edinburgh, Stand
Monday	13-May-19	Glasgow, Stand
Tuesday	14-May-19	Newcastle, Stand
Saturday	18-May-19	Chorley, Little Theatre