

# US STAND-UP HARI KONDABOLU RETURNS TO THE UK WITH A TWO WEEK RUN OF BRAND NEW SHOW 'AMERICAN HOUR'

American stand-up and one of Variety Magazine's *Top 10 Comics to Watch in 2018*, **Hari Kondabolu** announces a 2 week run of his brand new show *American Hour* at London's Soho Theatre from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets can be found at [sohotheatre.com](http://sohotheatre.com).

Once again taking on "some of the most pressing and provocative issues" (The Guardian) the Brooklyn based comic's latest stand-up hour is set to tackle racism, sexism, colonialism, homophobia, and other light-hearted fare.

Hari has established himself as a unique political voice as the star of the Netflix special *Warn Your Relatives* which was released in May earlier this year and described as "an incisively funny and formally adventurous hour that reveals a comic in command of his powers" (NY Times). This special joins his previously released albums *Waiting for 2042* and *Mainstream American Comic* on the legendary indie rock label Kill Rock Stars, and his *Comedy Central Presents* special. Hari's documentary film *The Problem with Apu*, which he executive produced and starred in, explores the contentious stereotypical Indian character on *The Simpsons* and the importance of fair representation for marginalized communities, the film was critically applauded after its release in the US on truTV last year.

On screen, Hari was a key writer and correspondent on the **Chris Rock** produced TV show *Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell* (FX network), where he's been described by long-time collaborator **Kamau Bell** as "the comedy equivalent of a punk rock concert that breaks out at a human right's rally". Elsewhere, Hari has appeared on *Late Show with David Letterman* (CBS), *Conan* (TBS), *Jimmy Kimmel Live* (ABC), *John Oliver's NY Stand-up Show* (Comedy Central), and *@midnight* (Comedy Central). Closer to home, his UK appearances include *Russell Howard's Good News* (BBC Three), *Live at The Electric* (BBC Three), and *8 out of 10 Cats* (Ch 4).

Hari is one of the guest-hosts of *The Bugle* podcast with **Andy Zaltzman**, and co-hosts the *Kondabolu Brothers* podcast with his brother Ashok (aka "Dapwell" from the influential rap group Das Racist). He also co-hosted the critically lauded podcast *Politically Reactive* with his friend Kamau Bell while his other podcast credits include on *WTF with Marc Maron*, *Death, Sex and Money*, *Lovett or Leave It*, *The Moth* and *2 Dope Queens*.

Hari toured with Chris Rock across Europe last year, although he performs rarely in the UK with this show only being his fifth UK appearance in eight years.

## WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT HARI:

*One of the most exciting political comics in stand-up today*  
**NY Times**

*If there's a comedian who can prove that it's possible to be funny without being mean... Kondabolu is the man*  
**The New Statesman**

*A young man reaching for the hand-scalding torch of confrontational comics like Lenny Bruce and Richard Pryor*  
**The Seattle Times**

*Hari Kondabolu is a brainy comedian who cuts through the polite talk around race and gender* **NPR**

*A national comedy treasure*  
**The Stranger**

*This incorrigibly smart, rising comic exhibits a duality in his act that doesn't seem quite plausible: He's both political and fun... [and] deals in calmly reasoned polemics*  
**Timeout NY**

*The comic has helped change the way race and class are talked about on TV*  
**Chicago Reader**

### LISTINGS INFORMATION

#### HARI KONDABOLU

Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December

Time: 9:30pm

Venue: Soho Theatre

Tickets: [www.harikondabolu.com](http://www.harikondabolu.com)

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