



NOT GOING OUT LIVE IS GOING OUT LIVE!

For the first time ever, **Lee Mack's** multi award-winning hit show, *Not Going Out*, is going out LIVE on BBC One this Christmas.

With no room for slip ups or mistakes (no pressure then) we join Lee (Lee Mack) and Lucy (**Sally Bretton**) live from their festively decorated living room, nervously discussing the *Ding Dong Merrily on Live Christmas Spectacular* - the Christmas variety show they've been strong-armed into organising to raise money for their children's school. But things are rarely plain sailing for our duo, as they soon come to realise, with an animal impersonator as the *only* confirmed performer, quality acts are worryingly thin on the ground. Who will Lee and Lucy turn to? Surely Toby (**Hugh Dennis**) and uptight wife Anna (**Abigail Cruttenden**) can't be roped in? With raw egg juggling and some knife throwing (CUT!) for good measure... what could possibly go wrong?

Talking about going live for the first time ever, Lee Mack said, *"Live Episode of a BBC One sitcom...what could possibly go wrong? Loads. Which, let's be honest, is why you sadists will be watching. So don't miss out on seeing me end my career."*

Lee Mack has established himself as one of the UK's most recognisable and celebrated comedians and the last couple of months has also seen Lee return as resident team captain on the twelfth series of *Would I Lie To You?* (BBC One).

"Not Going Out has lasted a lot longer than most other sitcoms on the telly, and for good reason. Lee Mack's award-winning show proves that funny British sitcoms do still exist."

The Sun TV Mag

"No show on TV cleaves more faithfully to the old-school set-up/gag rhythm, with all the pleasing regularity of a comedy drum machine"

David Butcher, Radio Times

Not Going Out Live airs on Friday 21st December on BBC One

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Notes to editors

An Avalon Television Production, the series is co-written by Lee Mack and Danny Peak, directed by Nick Wood and produced by Jamie Rix. Executive Producers are Richard Allen-Turner, Rob Aslett, Lee Mack and Jon Thoday. Gregor Sharp is Commissioning Editor for the BBC.

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 2017 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), 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 currently in production include: *The Button* (BBC One), *Taskmaster USA* (Comedy Central), *The Russell Howard Hour* (Sky One), *Man Down* (C4), *Dave Gorman's Modern Life is Goodish* (Dave/UKTV), *The Chris Ramsey Show* (Comedy Central), and *Stand Up Central with Chris Ramsey* (Comedy Central); 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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