

MATT FORDE ADDS 4 MORE LONDON SHOWS IN THE RUN UP TO BREXIT DEADLINE

BREXIT THROUGH THE GIFT SHOP

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As we enter the New Year with Britain's impending departure from the European Union creeping closer, leading political comedian **Matt Forde** will further render the complexities of our tumultuous times with four additional London performances of his critically acclaimed and continually evolving stand-up show, *Brexit Through The Gift Shop*. Following two raucous performances at The Southbank Centre which kick started his 25 date nationwide tour in December 2018, Matt returns to this venue on the 7th and 12th March and will play The Other Palace on the 28th January and the 19th March.

The Southbank Centre tickets are available via members pre-sale on the 8th January and on general sale on the 9th January. All other tour tickets including The Other Palace extra shows are available to buy now at mattforde.com

A former advisor to the Labour Party, Matt 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'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. He 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 at The Other Palace include **David Blunkett** on the 30th January 2019. *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 its 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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