

THE HORNE SECTION ANNOUNCE BIGGEST UK TOUR TO DATE

★★★★★ **Metro** ★★★★★ **Time Out** ★★★★★ **The Sunday Times** ★★★★★ **Mail On Sunday** ★★★★★ **Daily Mail** ★★★★★ **Daily Express** ★★★★★ **TV Times** ★★★★★ **Londonist**

A riotous splicing of live music and comedy

The Observer

Genuinely clever... they really are good at music... come back soon

The Daily Telegraph

It's a band of professional musicians fronted by Taskmaster's Alex Horne, who turns their abilities to pluck a tune into brilliant comedy magic

Radio Times

The six-headed comedy band **The Horne Section** are set to embark on their first ever national tour with their latest show *That's How I Like My Tour*, bringing their raucous comedy shindig across the UK on a 36-date tour from 4th February to 5th December. Tickets can be found at thehornection.com.

Unruly, ridiculous and surprisingly satisfying, The Horne Section combine music and comedy in a typically unpredictable way, blending stupid songs with a carnival atmosphere and plenty of puns. Expect a mixture of toe-tapping tunes, exceptional musicality, and 5 talented musicians being made to do silly things by bearded comedian, and creator & star of *Taskmaster*, **Alex Horne**.

The band's TV credits include regular appearances in Dictionary Corner on *8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown* (Channel 4), *The Royal Variety Performance 2018* (ITV), *Last Leg Christmas Special* (Channel 4), as well as the 2 hour special *The Horne Section Television Programme* on UKTV's Dave. Filmed at the London Palladium in front of a sold out live audience, the variety show featured guest appearances from **Sue Perkins**, **Sara Pascoe**, **Joe Wilkinson**, and Girls Aloud's **Nadine Coyle**.

Away from the stage, their podcast *The Horne Section Podcast* reached number one in the iTunes charts on the first day of its release and features a variety of guests including **Nish Kumar**, **Richard Osman**, **Roisin Conaty**, and **Rick Edwards**. The band have previously hosted three series of *Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section* on BBC Radio 4.

The band have performed to numerous sold-out audiences at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe as well as at The Lyric Theatre - Shaftesbury Avenue, The Criterion Theatre and The Hackney Empire, Udderbelly Festival - Southbank, and The Leicester Square Speigletent.

Acclaimed comedian Alex Horne is the unmusical band leader at the helm of The Horne Section. Alex is the creator and co-host of the Broadcast Award winning and International Emmy, BAFTA, Royal Television Society, & Broadcasting Press Guild nominated show *Taskmaster* which returns for its eighth series later this year on Dave and is the most watched original UKTV commission. An international hit, *Taskmaster's* format has been sold to several other countries developing their own versions including Comedy Central in the U.S. (starring **Reggie Watts** as the *Taskmaster*), TV 2 in Denmark, VTM in Belgium, TVE in Spain, and two series on Sweden's SVT channel. Alex is an Edinburgh Fringe veteran taking nine solo shows to the festival and earning an Edinburgh Comedy Award nomination in 2014 following a Best Newcomer Award nomination in 2003.

The Horne Section are: **Alex Horne** (band leader), **Joe Auckland** (trumpet and banjo), **Mark Brown** (saxophone), **Will Collier** (bass), **Ben Reynolds** (drums and percussion) and **Ed Sheldrake** (keyboards).

WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT THE HORNE SECTION

A beguiling blend of the smart and stupid....a real delight

★★★★ The Sunday Times

This is a thought-provoking, anarchic and wildly entertaining welding of stand-up comedy and big band music
The Guardian

An absolute blast

★★★★★ Metro

We can't recommend The Horne Section highly enough

★★★★★ Time Out

Expect some genuinely impressive musical talent, clever genre observations ...and beard jokes a-plenty

★★★★ Londonist

They're pretty much the funniest thing in musical comedy

TV Times

A toe-tapping and uproarious cabaret affair

The List

All singing, all dancing and all joking this show is brilliantly witty and refreshingly silly. A must see for musical comedy fans!

About Time Magazine

Jolly good it is too, especially if you are a fan of whimsy, lunacy and larks

Total TV Guide

You'd be hard pushed to find a more enjoyable night out

Chortle

TOUR DATES

DATE	VENUE
04/02/2019	Durham Gala
07/02/2019	St Albans, The Alban Arena
26/02/2019	Swansea Grand
14/03/2019	Eastbourne, Royal Hippodrome
02/04/2019	Oxford Playhouse
18/04/2019	Nottingham Playhouse
23/04/2019	Sheffield Civic Hall, The Ballroom
24/04/2019	Newcastle Theatre Royal
02/05/2018	Dudley Town Hall
05/05/2019	Bristol Old Vic (afternoon 3pm)
05/05/2019	Bristol Old Vic (evening 8pm)
08/05/2019	Cambridge Corn Exchange
09/05/2019	Warwick Arts Centre
14/05/2019	Buxton Opera House
22/05/2019	Ipswich, The Regent
06/06/2019	Salford, The Lyric
12/06/2019	Crawley, The Hawth
13/06/2019	York Barbican
16/06/2019	London, Queen Elizabeth Hall
27/06/2019	Cardiff, St David's Hall
11/07/2019	Ulverston Hall

12/07/2019	Lancaster Grand
02/10/2019	Hull City Hall
07/10/2019	Leamington Spa, The Spa Centre
17/10/2019	Bewdley Festival
18/10/2019	Northampton, The Deco
23/10/2019	Canterbury, Marlow Theatre
06/11/2019	Leicester De Montford Hall
07/11/2019	Wrexham Glyndwr University
12/11/2019	Isle of Wight, Shanklin Theatre
13/11/2019	Princes Hall, Aldershot
20/11/2019	Exeter Northcott Theatre
21/11/2019	Exeter Northcott Theatre
28/11/2019	Milton Keynes, The Stables
04/12/2019	Brighton Theatre Royal
05/12/2019	Dorking Halls

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