



## FRANK SKINNER ADDS EXTRA LONDON DATES

### FRANK SKINNER LIVE IN LONDON 2019

*'Very funny indeed ... the archetypal comic .... irresistible'*

**Brian Logan, The Guardian**

*'still one of the best joke-crafters in the business ... He has a brain that seems hard-wired to find the funny'*

**Bruce Dessau, Beyond the Joke/Evening Standard**

**Frank Skinner** has added a further four dates to his already extended run at Leicester Square Theatre. The extra shows, which will continue to see Frank perform new material for the first time in four years, run from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July until Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets are on sale now.

#### LISTINGS INFORMATION:

Venue: Leicester Square Theatre  
Date: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 9.00pm  
Ticket Price: £20  
Box Office: 0207 734 2222  
Website: <http://www.leicestersquaretheatre.com>

Venue: Leicester Square Theatre  
Date: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 9.00pm  
Ticket Price: £20  
Box Office: 0207 734 2222  
Website: <http://www.leicestersquaretheatre.com>

Venue: Leicester Square Theatre  
Date: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 9.00pm  
Ticket Price: £20  
Box Office: 0207 734 2222  
Website: <http://www.leicestersquaretheatre.com>

Date: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 9.00pm  
Ticket Price: £20  
Box Office: 0207 734 2222  
Website: <http://www.leicestersquaretheatre.com>

### New live dates run 5<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July

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#### NOTES TO EDITORS

Frank announced the *Showbiz* tour during a non-stop 10-hour radio show, which marked the 10-year anniversary of his hugely successful career at Absolute Radio. Frank's award-winning show, *The Frank Skinner Show*, attracts over one million listeners per week, has achieved 10 million podcast downloads and saw him inducted into the Radio Academy's Hall of Fame in 2016.

Frank Skinner's live career began in 1987 when he spent £400 of his last £435 booking a room at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Four years later in 1991 he returned to the city and beat fellow nominees Jack Dee and Eddie Izzard to take home comedy's most prestigious prize, *The Perrier Award*. Frank's last live stand-up show, *Man In a Suit*, sold out its debut run at London's Soho Theatre and a subsequent five week residency at the Leicester Square Theatre. Frank performed *Man In a Suit* for 24 consecutive nights at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2014 and went on to release the show on DVD through Universal Studios UK. Since his last tour Frank Skinner's only live comedy appearances have been with *The Man With No Show*, which saw him perform an hour of completely improvised stand-up comedy.

Away from the stage, Frank's TV credentials in 2018 included writing and starring as Johnny Cash in *Johnny Cash & the Ostrich* - a one-off special forming part of the successful Urban Myths series airing on Sky Arts, as well as hosting a seventh series of BBC1's *Room 101*.

As England made their World Cup run last summer, the iconic football anthem *Three Lions*, written by Frank alongside David Baddiel and The Lightning Seeds, topped the singles chart for a fourth separate time - the first time a single has ever reached number one on four separate occasions with the same artist line-up.

Alongside his regular show on Absolute Radio, Frank has carried out exclusive feature interviews for the station with a number of esteemed guests including Nobel Peace Prize-winning former Vice President Al Gore and Russell T Davies, former executive producer of Doctor Who. Frank has also written and starred in three series of the critically-acclaimed comedy drama series *Don't Start* for BBC Radio 4 and has created and hosted two series of his comedy panel show *The Rest is History* for BBC Radio 4.

Frank created *The Frank Skinner Show* (ITV), which is widely credited as setting the tone for the modern comedic chat show and ran for nine years, attracting 11 million viewers at its peak. He hosted three series of *Frank Skinner's Opinionated* for BBC Two, and recently presented a one-off documentary, *Frank Skinner on Muhammad Ali*, for BBC One. In 2014 Frank guest starred in an episode of *Doctor Who*. With David Baddiel, Frank created and presented *Fantasy Football* and *Baddiel and Skinner Unplanned* (ITV).

As an author, Frank Skinner has published *Dispatches from the Sofa*; a collection of columns he wrote for The Times over a two year period and has written two autobiographies, the first of which, *Frank Skinner*, was the top selling autobiography of 2002, spending 46 weeks in The Sunday Times Bestseller List. The second *Frank Skinner On The Road*, chronicled his 2007, sell-out return to stand-up.