

IN RESPONSE TO MAJOR DEMAND FOR TICKETS, IAIN STIRLING ADDS AUTUMN EXTENSION BEFORE STARTING BIGGEST NATIONWIDE TOUR TO DATE

15,000+ EXTRA TICKETS TO GO ON-SALE FOR BRAND-NEW STAND-UP SHOW, FAILING UPWARDS

"As the voiceover of a generation he's become a national sensation" Samuel Fishwick, Evening Standard
"At his best the Edinburgh native is an unhinged free-form anecdotist" ★★★★★Mark Wareham, Mail On Sunday

★★★★★ Sharon Lougher, Metro

"Love Island is really funny, thanks in no small part to Scottish comedian Iain Stirling's voiceover" Tim Jonze, The Guardian

Wednesday 5th February - BAFTA-winning comedian **Iain Stirling** (*Taskmaster*, *Love Island*, *CelebAbility*) has added a 28-date Autumn extension, including a second London show at the newly restored **Alexandra Palace Theatre** after selling out the **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, plus **The Aberdeen Music Hall** and Salford's **The Lowry**, before starting his biggest nationwide tour to date in response to a major demand for tickets. Iain will now tour his new stand-up show exploring topics including his inability to function in the most basic of public settings, social media's constant pressure to "live your best life" and that one time a man stole his shoes, *Failing Upwards* over 76-dates from 6th March to the 22nd November 2020. Two hometown performances at **Edinburgh King's Theatre** on the 29th March will be recorded for his first hour long filmed special which will be available exclusively on Amazon Prime Video in 200 countries and territories worldwide later this year.

Tickets will be available on exclusive presale from 10am on Thursday 6th February via See Tickets and Ticketmaster and on General sale from 10am on Friday 7th February. More info and tickets at iaindoesjokes.com

Iain is best known as the brilliantly funny voice of ITV2's *Love Island* which is on our screens for the first ever winter series now. The BAFTA-winning show is the most watched programme for adults aged 16-to-34-year-old across any channel, attracting peak consolidated audiences of over 6 million. Alongside narrating six series of *Love Island*, Iain has competed in BAFTA and Emmy-nominated *Taskmaster* (DAVE), starred in his own 30 minute special on *Comedy Central Live* (Comedy Central), hosted four series of physical comedy entertainment *CelebAbility* (ITV2) which is also currently on-air and appeared on *Comedy Bus* (Comedy Central). Other television credits include *The Russell Howard Hour* (Sky One), *Comedians Watching Football with Friends* (Sky One), *The Jonathan Ross Show* (ITV), *Saturday Kitchen* (BBC One), *Russell Howard's Stand Up Central*, *The Chris Ramsey Show*, *Drunk History* and *The Comedy Store* (Comedy Central), *The Big Narstie Show* (Channel 4), plus an array of panel shows, such as *Celebrity Juice*, *Fake Reaction*, *Safe Word* (ITV2) and *Virtually Famous* (E4).

Iain's previous critically-acclaimed stand-up show *U Ok Hun?x* sold out the entire Edinburgh Festival Fringe in advance of it opening and the subsequent national tour was twice extended. He released his first book about millennials, *Not F*cking Ready To Adult*, through HarperCollins in May 2018, with the paperback currently available.

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Other Things The Press Has Said About Iain Stirling

"This summer Stirling is also establishing himself as the voice of the British millennial" **Hattie Crisell, The Times**

"An extremely funny hour of observational and surreal comedy" **Rupert Hawksley, The Telegraph**

"The show has taken over all of our lives, our evenings and our Twitter feeds – and much of that is down to the voice of Love Island, Iain Stirling. The Scottish comedian provides the voiceover every kiss, every fight, every ridiculous conversation about Brexit, and makes Love Island the unmissable show it is." **Emma Kelly, Metro**

About Avalon

Avalon is a multi-award-winning talent management, television production and live promotion group with offices in London, Los Angeles and New York.

The Company represents a prolific roster of artists including comedians, actors, presenters, writers and directors and produces numerous ground-breaking television shows. Series currently in production include: *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver* (HBO); *Not Going Out* (BBC); *Taskmaster* (Channel 4); *The Russell Howard Hour* (Sky); *Starstruck*, a new sitcom from the 2018 Edinburgh Comedy Award winner Rose Matafeo (HBO Max/BBC); *Everything's Gonna Be Okay*, from creator Josh Thomas (Freeform); *Breeders*, a new sitcom starring Martin Freeman and Daisy Haggard (FX/Sky); *The Iliza Shlesinger Sketch Show* (Netflix); and multiple comedy specials for Amazon Prime Video, HBO Max and Netflix. Other iconic Avalon shows include *Catastrophe* (Amazon Prime Video/Channel 4), *Fantasy Football League* (BBC/ITV), *TV Burp* (ITV), and seven seasons of *Workaholics* (Comedy Central USA). Avalon also distributes its catalogue of programmes to over 150 countries worldwide.

As a leading promoter of live comedy, 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 and promote 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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