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PUTTING THE QUEST INTO QUESTION... Al Murray's Great British Pub Quiz Brand New to Quest



- Al Murray's Great British Pub Quiz will premiere on Quest this March
- New 20 x 60-minute commission signals Quest's first move into original entertainment programming
- Al Murray will be joined by Shaun Williamson, multi TV quiz champion (*Celebrity Mastermind* winner, three-time *Celebrity Pointless* winner, *Celebrity Eggheads* winner and *The Chase* winner), as resident barman and show know-it-all
- Regular celebrity team captains include: Craig Charles, Hugh Dennis, Kerry Godliman, Phil Jupitus, Marcus Brigstoke and Andy Parsons

INTERVIEW REQUESTS: Al Murray will be available for interview on 29th January. For further information please contact:

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LONDON, 10th January, 2019 – Welcome to your new favourite local pub for a brand-new entertainment series exclusive to Quest, **AL MURRAY'S GREAT BRITISH PUB QUIZ**.

Hosted by multi-award-winning comedian, trivia fanatic and writer-performer Al Murray. Each week from his studio pub, Al (with no burgundy blazer in sight) will bring together teams from the country's

best-loved pubs from all over the UK, in a head-to-head battle to bask in the glory of being crowned winner, and the chance to take home the GREAT BRITISH PUB QUIZ tankard plus £1,000 in cash.

Filmed in front of a live studio audience, Al will be ably assisted each week by resident barman and brainbox, national institution and know-it-all Shaun Williamson. A multiple TV quiz champion himself, (*Celebrity Mastermind* winner, three-time *Celebrity Pointless* winner, *Celebrity Eggheads* winner and *The Chase* winner), Shaun will be on hand to keep score and proceedings in order, as well as going head-to-head with one member from each team in a special round, 'Beat the Barman'.

The battling teams will be marshalled by regular celebrity team captains including: Hugh Dennis, Andy Parsons, Kerry Godliman, Phil Jupitus, Marcus Brigstoke, and Craig Charles.

There will also be a lot of knowledge and fascinating facts knocking about as teams are pitted against each other in a series of classic pub quiz rounds including odd one out round 'One Too Many' and mystery object round 'What is It?'

Al Murray said: *"It's very exciting to be putting the Quest into Question with the Great British Pub Quiz. You're going to see some of the finest quizzing minds in the country duking it out as well as the most knowledgeable barman on the planet, Shaun Williamson, do his quizzing thing."*

Simon Downing, SVP, Head of Factual and Sport said: *"We're hugely excited with our brand-new series AL MURRAY'S GREAT BRITISH PUB QUIZ. It's an incredible time for Quest, as the new commission marks our first move into original entertainment programming. With Al's legendary comedic talent at the helm, it's going to be a fantastic show. We can't wait for everyone to see it!"*

AL MURRAY'S GREAT BRITISH PUB QUIZ is produced by Avalon. Simon Downing ordered the show and Victoria Noble is the Commissioning Editor. Jeremy Phillips is the Executive Producer for Discovery while Jamie Isaacs (*Dave Gorman Modern Life Is Goodish*) and Jo Bunting (*Have I Got News For You*) are Executive Producers for Avalon.

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About Quest

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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 that are household names, both in the UK, the USA, and around the world.

In 2018, Avalon was again 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 Original), RTS and Rose d'Or winning Not Going Out (the BBC's longest running sitcom currently on air), BAFTA and RTS-nominated Taskmaster (DAVE/UKTV), 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 in production include: Breeders (FX/Sky) co-created by Academy Award-nominee and double Emmy Award-winner Simon Blackwell, double Emmy Award and Directors Guild of America-winner Chris Addison and Emmy and BAFTA winning Martin Freeman; The Russell Howard Hour (Sky One), the most successful new entertainment series to launch on the channel since 2010; Why Does Everyone Hate The English? (History); Stand Up Central with Rob Delaney (Comedy Central UK) and Russell Howard & Mum: Road Trip (Comedy Central UK). 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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