



THE CHRIS RAMSEY SHOW RETURNS TO COMEDY CENTRAL AS CHANNEL'S FIRST EVER TOPICAL CHAT SHOW

NEW SERIES AIRS WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY AT 10PM

A brand new series of *The Chris Ramsey Show* will be bursting back onto our TV screens this February, but this time with a difference... In a first for Comedy Central UK, critically acclaimed stand-up comedian **Chris Ramsey** will host his very own weekly topical chat show.

Each week Chris will take a look back at the weird and wonderful stories and viral content from the world of entertainment, celebrity and social media that have grabbed his and the nation's attention over the past week, and dissect the mayhem with the help of his two special guests who have joined him on the sofa. Chris will also be leaving his basement studio and dropping in on some big name movie stars at their latest film junkets. And every week will see a celebrity take on a comedian as they face a head-to-head challenge at the end of the show. Expect stand-up, chat, challenges, games, big names and even bigger laughs. Recorded 'as live', *The Chris Ramsey Show* promises to be energetic and unpredictable - all brought together by Chris's trademark cheeky Geordie humour and charm.

Guests already due to appear on the series include UK rapper, singer, songwriter and record producer **Example**, voice of Love Island and comedian **Iain Stirling**, star and creator of Murder In Successville **Tom Davis** and solo performance artist and storyteller **Desiree Burch** to name a few; Chris will bring them all into his world.

The first series of *The Chris Ramsey Show* premiered in January 2017 achieving an audience up 16% on the channel's slot average with a huge 80% 16-34 audience profile. In series 1 Chris was joined by some of his funniest celebrity mates, including **Jimmy Carr** (*8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown*), **Joel Dommett** (*I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!*), **Joey Essex** (*The Only Way is Essex*), and **Sara Pascoe** (*Mock the Week*).

Chris has also appeared on TV hosting *Stand Up Central* (Comedy Central), *I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp* (ITV2) and *Virtually Famous* (E4), as well as performing on the *Royal Variety Performance* (ITV), *Live at the Apollo* (BBC1) and as a regular on *Celebrity Juice* (ITV2). He also starred as Jack in two series of critically-acclaimed sitcom *Hebburn* (BBC2), co-starring **Vic Reeves** and more recently alongside his wife Rosie on *Married to a Celebrity* and *Parenting for Idiots* (Channel 4). Chris will be playing 52 dates nationwide later this year with his brand new tour - *Chris Ramsey Live 2018: The Just Happy To Get Out of the House Tour*. Dates are listed on www.chrisramseycomedy.com

"fun-filled series with plenty of gags and shenanigans" **The Sun**

"Like Ramsey himself the show's amusing and good-natured" **The Guardian**

"Reveal watched the first episode and laughed...alot" **Reveal Mag**

"At long last the stand-up comedian has his own series" **Daily Mail**

"Ramsey's infectious sense of humour and the anarchic atmosphere give the show a house party feel and we will happily accept the invite every week" **BT.com**

The Chris Ramsey Show will premiere on Comedy Central UK on Wednesday 28th February at 10pm.

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Production Credits

The Chris Ramsey Show is written by Chris Ramsey, directed by Peter Orton (*Taskmaster*, *Unspun with Matt Ford*) and produced by Jamie Rea (*Virtually Famous*, *Alan Carr's Happy Hour*). Executive producers are Richard Allen-Turner and Jon Thoday for Avalon Television and Chris Curley and Louise Holmes for Comedy Central UK.

Notes to Editors

About Comedy Central UK:

Comedy Central is a leading Pay TV General Entertainment channel and is part of Viacom International Media Networks (VIMN). A joint venture between VIMN (75%) and BSkyB (25%), Comedy Central airs on the Sky and Virgin Media platforms. Comedy Central launched in the UK in April 2009 and has since grown share by a phenomenal +41%. In Fiscal 2017 (Oct 16 to Sept 17). The Comedy Central Group averaged a share of 2.20%, up +8% YoY and proved the highest year ever for share.

The channel broadcasts a mix of hit US acquisitions and original UK productions targeting a 16-34 year-old audience. Fiscal 2017 saw the Comedy Central Group deliver its highest share ever, which saw the main Comedy Central channel's share up +10% and Comedy Central Extra up +3%

This phenomenal growth is fuelled by new UK Commissions *Your Face or Mine*, *Roast Battle* (which has proved to be the highest UK commission ever for the channel), *Russell Howard* and *Mum: USA Road*, *Drunk History* and *The Chris Ramsey show*. US titles *Impractical Jokers*, *Bob's Burgers* and *The Middle* also continue to draw in massive number and popular nostalgic titles such as *Friends* and *8 Simple Rules* are still a ratings hit.

In addition to the main Comedy Central channel are Comedy Central +1, Comedy Central Extra and Comedy Central Extra +1 providing audiences with more viewing opportunities and more fantastic content.

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 arms of the business, have discovered and represent many artists which are household names, in the UK, the USA, and around the world.



In 2017 Avalon was 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 Prime), 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 currently in production include: *Taskmaster USA* (Comedy Central), *Man Down* (C4), *Dave Gorman's Modern Life is Goodish* (Dave/UKTV), *The Chris Ramsey Show* (Comedy Central), *Chris Ramsey's Stand Up Central* (Comedy Central); whilst 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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