# IAIN STIRLING ANNOUNCES GIG AT LONDON'S EVENTIM APOLLO ON 22ND MARCH 2018 AS PART OF UK TOUR EXTENSION TO MEET DEMAND FOR TICKETS

*At his best the Edinburgh native is an unhinged free-form anecdotist - his closing tale of a disastrous CBBC gig is a belter* ★ ★ ★ ★
**Mail On Sunday, Mark Wareham**

*A show with a dark edge but delivered with utmost skill and affability...It's always a treat to see such talent in such an intimate space. Expect this performer to be playing to huge arenas long after Love Island star Marcel Somerville's book has begun gathering dust.* ★ ★ ★ ★ **Metro, Sharon Lougher**

After selling out his entire run in advance and adding extra shows to meet demand for tickets at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August, *BAFTA*-winning stand-up comedian **Iain Stirling** (voice of *Love Island*) announces a *U OK Hun? X* tour extension including a performance at London's Eventim Apollo show on 22nd March. The news comes as multiple gigs such as London's Leicester Square Theatre have already sold out and others are approaching capacity. From 1st February to 26th May 2018, Iain is now set to perform a 51-date nationwide tour with his new show exploring dinner party etiquette and the pressures on a generation brought up in a world of instant gratification.

This summer, Iain enjoyed widespread critical acclaim for writing and voicing witty one-liners on ITV2's hit *National Television Award* and *Broadcast Award* nominated series *Love Island*. The show smashed rating records, pulling in the channel's biggest-ever audience of 2.9 million at its peak and attracting an average of 2.6 million tuning in to see it daily. He was also on our screens hosting *CelebAbility*, a brand-new physical comedy entertainment show on ITV2 which saw celebrities and members of the public go head-to-head in rounds of games.

Edinburgh-born Iain's intuitive razor-sharp humour has seen him sell out 6 shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe to date and amass numerous television credits including *Virtually Famous* (E4*), Drunk History* and *Russell Howard's Stand Up Central* (both Comedy Central), *Russell Howard's Good News* and *Sweat the Small Stuff* (both BBC Three) and *Fake Reaction* and *Safe Word* (both ITV2).

Tickets for the tour extension are available on pre-sale tomorrow, Wednesday 18th October at 9am via www.seetickets.com, on Thursday 19th October at 9am via www.ticketmaster.co.uk and on general sale on Friday 20th October at 9am.

A full list of dates and tickets are available through Iain's website www.iaindoesjokes.com

**OTHER THINGS THE PRESS HAVE SAID ABOUT U OK HUN? X**

*An extremely funny hour of observational and surreal comedy* **The Telegraph, Rupert Hawksley**
*He's a natural performer who commands your attention* ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **One4Review**
*A whirlwind hour of comedy* ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Theatre Weekly**
*Riotously funny* ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Fringe Biscuit**
*A delight to watch* ★ ★ ★ ★ **Voice Magazine**
*A hilarious show* ★ ★ ★ ★ **I Talk Telly**
★ ★ ★ ★ **@ComedyReviewer**

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**WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT IAIN STIRLING ON LOVE ISLAND**

*Love Island is really funny, thanks in no small part to Scottish comedian Iain Stirling's voiceover. His narration doesn't attempt to disguise the sneaky tricks producers are playing; instead turning them into an in-joke about how modern TV shows work.* **The Guardian**

*Voiceover king Iain Stirling has become a cult star for his tongue-in-cheeks quips and commentary, all presented in his Scottish drawl.* **Daily Mail**

*People have gone crazy for his hilarious one-liners and witty observations* **The Sun**

*There's only one true winner of Love Island: and that's Iain Stirling, aka the show's Scottish narrator. He's enchanting the shows millions of viewers, with his witty one-liners, and obsession with contestant Mike Thalassitis.* **NME**

*His commentary is one of the best in the biz ...From pithy one-liners to hilarious observations on the day's goings on, the 29-year-old is quickly emerging as our favourite star of the ITV2 show* **Mirror**

*What's the best thing about Love Island? The drama? The bed-hopping? Actually, many viewers maintain it's the witty voiceovers provided by comedian Iain Stirling* **Metro**

*By far one of the best components of the show is the voice-over guy, Iain Stirling* **Heatworld**

*Iain Stirling has won us all over with his dry-witted narration* **BBC Newsbeat**

*But if the show is a national obsession thanks to its diet of beautiful young things inflagrante de licto under the hot Spanish sun, it is just as popular for the witty voiceover provided by Stirling – a stand-up comedian from Edinburgh* **The Herald**

*The man who always drops the truth bombs and a sassy remark or two when it comes to the villa's shenanigans, and that person is voiceover genius Iain Stirling.* **Cosmopolitan**

*There's one person everyone is talking about…His Love Island commentary is the stuff of legend, and ITV2 viewers are often in stitches with his flippant remarks and funny one liners.* **OK!**

*Any 'Love Island' fan will tell you one of the best parts about the show is the hilarious, tongue-in-cheek voiceover, provided by funnyman Iain Stirling.* **Huffington Post**

*legendary Love Island voiceover* **Celebs Now**

*the contribution of Scottish comedian Iain Stirling can't be underestimated* **Joe.co.uk**

**Notes to editors**

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

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.

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), 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: *The Button* (BBC One), *Taskmaster USA* (Comedy Central), *The Russell Howard Hour* (Sky One), *Man Down (C4)*, *Dave Gorman's Modern Life is Goodish* (Dave/UKTV), *The Chris Ramsey Show* (Comedy Central), and *Stand Up Central with Chris Ramsey* (Comedy Central); whilst the catalogue is sold worldwide by Avalon Distribution.

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