

IAIN STIRLING ANNOUNCES BIGGEST STAND UP TOUR TO DATE, 'FAILING UPWARDS'

TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY 21ST JUNE AT 10AM

"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

Thursday 20th June – BAFTA-winning comedian **Iain Stirling** (*Taskmaster*, *Love Island*, *Comedy Central Live*, *CelebAbility*, *Comedy Bus*) will embark on his biggest nationwide tour to date with brand-new show, *Failing Upwards* from 21st February to 22nd May 2020.

The news arrives as BARB reports nearly 6 million consolidated viewers watched the launch episode of the fifth series of *Love Island* earlier this month, with the first week averaging at 5.65 million viewers.

Over forty dates, including performances at London's Queen Elizabeth Hall and hometown Edinburgh King's Theatre, Iain is set to explore 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. Ahead of the tour, Iain will test new material at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe from 5th-17th August at the Gilded Balloon.

Iain is widely acclaimed for writing and voicing witty one-liners on ITV2's *Love Island* - the BAFTA-winning show is the most watched in the history of the channel and has pulled in the highest 16-to-34-year-old audience of any digital channel programme ever. Alongside *Love Island*, Iain is currently on our screens hosting a third series of physical comedy entertainment ITV2 show *CelebAbility*. 2019 has seen Iain appear in series 8 of BAFTA and Emmy-nominated *Taskmaster* (DAVE), host his own special on *Comedy Central Live* (Comedy Central) and appear on *Comedy Bus* (Comedy Central), *The Russell Howard Hour* and *Comedians Watching Football with Friends* (both Sky One).

Other television credits including *The Jonathan Ross Show* (ITV1), *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 latest critically-acclaimed stand-up show *U Ok Hun?x* sold out the entire Edinburgh Festival Fringe in advance of its 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.

Tickets for Iain's *Failing Upwards* nationwide tour will be available through Iain's [website](#) tomorrow, Friday 21st June, at 10am.

For more information please contact: Victoria Wedderburn on vwedderburn@avalonuk.com or 020 7598 7222 / 07557160139

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**

"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**

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

"His Love Island commentary is the stuff of legend" **Miranda Knox, OK!**

"Unforgiving and hilarious" **David Stephenson, The Sunday Express**

"Outside Love Island he's busy putting his inside track on the zeitgeist to good use. His new podcast and book, Not Ready to Adult Yet, is a witty, reflective take on millennials" **Samuel Fishwick, Evening Standard**

"Iain's wryly-observed voiceover has become one of the things that has made Love Island unmissable" **Bill Gibb, The Sunday Post**

"As millions tune in every night to find out the latest exploits of "the beautiful people" in their Majorcan villa, Stirling's brand of affectionate sarcasm cuts through the posing to bring them back down to earth....his well-timed barbs and mockery have made him a household name among reality TV fans" **Debbie Jackson, BBC**

"Love Island wouldn't be the same without Iain Stirling's hilarious voiceover comments" **Kyle O'Sullivan, The Daily Mirror**