



*A well woven series of cat calls that makes its largely middle-aged female audience murmur with recognition and shriek with laughter...expect a party* **The Times** ★★★★★

It was announced today, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, that *Grumpy Old Women Live (GOW Live)* will embark on a 60-date nationwide tour with *GOW Live: To The Rescue* from 28<sup>th</sup> March to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018. *Perrier Award* winning comedian, writer and star of *GOW Live* **Jenny Eclair** welcomes the return of original cast member *Olivier Award-nominated* actor, singer and comedian **Dillie Keane** (*Fascinating Aida*) and new recruit, actor and comedian **Lizzie Roper** (*Hollyoaks* Ch4, *Boy Meets Girl* BBC Two) for a brand-new 90 minutes of 'full-fat', 'batteries included' comedy.

Written by Jenny Eclair and **Judith Holder** (best-selling author of the first *Grumpy Old Women* book and producer of the hit BBC TV series), *GOW Live* was born in 2005. Since its inception through to *GOW Live: To The Rescue*, the hugely successful live adaption will have played to UK venues with a combined capacity of nearly 500,000, including 2 West End runs at the Lyric Theatre and The Novello Theatre. Internationally, the mistresses of Grump have enjoyed (sort of) tours in Australia and shows have been licensed to New Zealand, Finland and Iceland.

The original stage show *GOW Live* (which released a DVD) ran from 2005-2008, whilst *GOW Live 2: Chin Up Britain* ran from 2008-2014 and *GOW Live: Fifty Shades of Beige* from 2014-2016. Fed up with flogging their guts out and always having to be in charge, *Grumpy Old Women* put their knobbly old feet up in glorious retirement, free at last to practise their extreme colouring-in, ukelele orchestra and novelty fudge- making. But with the world in a bigger mess than ever before, is there anything that can tempt them off their backsides to unleash their superpowers and once more come to the rescue?!

Directed by **Owen Lewis** (*GOW Live: Chin Up Britain*, *GOW Live: Fifty Shade of Beige*, *Eric and Little Ern*)

Tickets for *GOW Live: To The Rescue* are available on pre-sale today, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10am via [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com), on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10am via [www.ticketmaster.co.uk](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk) and on general sale via their website from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

For the full list of dates see: [www.grumpyoldwomenlive.com](http://www.grumpyoldwomenlive.com)

#### WHAT THE PRESS HAVE SAID ABOUT GRUMPY OLD WOMEN:

*The writing is stiletto sharp. Great gales of laughter greet every admission and shared middle-aged secret.* **Daily Mail**

*Warmhearted, witty, empathetic and, dare I say it, rather empowering.* **The Observer**

*The show is simply uproarious. It is big, brash and colourful, riding on a wave of warmth and empathy.* **The Stage**

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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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