

ROISIN CONATY, TIM KEY, ROMESH RANGANATHAN, FRANK SKINNER AND JOSH WIDDICOMBE ANNOUNCED AS CONTESTANTS IN ALL-STAR LINE UP FOR DAVE'S TASKMASTER

ROISIN CONATY, TIM KEY, ROMESH RANGANATHAN, FRANK SKINNER and JOSH WIDDICOMBE were today announced as the contestants for Taskmaster, a brand new series devised by comedian and 2014 Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee **ALEX HORNE**, starring **GREG DAVIES** and **ALEX HORNE**, for entertainment channel Dave.

As Taskmaster, **GREG DAVIES** will set a series of stupefying tasks to test the group of comedians, before deciding who should be victorious. As the taskmaster's assistant and right-hand-man, **ALEX HORNE** will coax the contenders to show their creativity, conniving and competitiveness; rivalry will be encouraged, dodgy tactics rewarded and bribes accepted in what is set to be the most dogged, hard-fought and ridiculous comedy show on TV. Taskmaster started out as a critically acclaimed live show, also devised by **ALEX HORNE**, which ran at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2010 and 2011.

An Avalon Television production, Taskmaster was commissioned by **RICHARD WATSHAM**, Director of Commissioning at UKTV and ordered by Dave General Manager, **STEVE NORTH**. The show is produced by **ALEX HORNE**, series producer is **ANDY CARTWRIGHT** and series director is **ANDY DEVONSHIRE** (The Apprentice and The Great British Bake Off) while the Executive Producers are **RICHARD ALLEN-TURNER**, **JAMES TAYLOR** and **JON THODAY** for Avalon and **HILARY ROSEN** for UKTV. Avalon Television is currently in production with: season two of hit USA show, Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO); the second series of **GREG DAVIES'** critically acclaimed sitcom, Man Down (Channel 4); Comedy Central's (USA) breakout hit Workaholics; and Catastrophe, a new comedy series written by and starring **ROB DELANEY** and **SHARON HORGAN** (Channel 4).

Taskmaster is due to air on the channel in summer 2015 on Dave.

Dave is the UK's most watched non-PSB channel. It continues to grow its slate of original commissions. Successful returning formats include *Dave Gorman Modern Life is Goodish* (Avalon Television Productions), *Alan Davies As Yet Untitled* (Phil McIntyre Television), *Storage Hunters UK* (North One) and *Crackanory* (Tiger Aspect). *Ross Noble Freewheeling* (North One) returns for a second series in March and later this year Dave will move for the first time into scripted comedy with Bonafide Films and Baby Cow's *Undercover* while the semi-improvised *Hoff the Record* (Me & You Productions), starring David Hasslehoff is set to air in early summer.

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Dave proudly presents a plethora of original commissions; Crackanory, Ross Noble Freewheeling, Dave Gorman's Modern Life is Goodish, and Dara O Briain: School of Hard Sums, all laden with the biggest names in British comedy. Not to mention a brand spanking new series with QI favourite Alan Davies in Alan Davies As Yet Untitled. Plus there's national treasures like QI, Red Dwarf X, Mock the Week and Have I Got News For You, not to mention the Red Bull trilogy of Cliff Diving, X-Fighters and the Soap Box races. And of course, we still have Top Gear. Dave is the UK's most watched non-PSB channel broadcasting to over 27 million people per month, featuring hit US shows including the sharp-witted and sharp-suited Suits, the ludicrously addictive Lizard Lick Towing and the wonder that is Storage Hunters and now original commission Storage Hunters UK, the gift that keeps on giving.

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