

HBO Max Announces New One-Hour Comedy Specials with Rose Matafeo and Ahir Shah

Streamer Continues to Build Eclectic Slate of Stand-Up Comedy

Burbank, CA – December 4, 2019 – HBO Max has greenlit four new stand-up comedy specials. Tapping into existing talent across the WarnerMedia portfolio, the streamer is teaming up with **Tracy Morgan** (*The Last O.G.*), **John Early** (*Search Party*), and rising stars **Rose Matafeo**, Edinburgh Comedy Award winner, and **Ahir Shah**, double Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee.

(TBD HBO Max executive quote)

- **Rose Matafeo** is a comedian and actress who's celebrated show *Horndog* won Best Show at the prestigious Edinburgh Comedy Awards 2018. A whirlwind of stand-up, sketch and mid 20s angst, *Horndog* has enjoyed sell-out performances around the world. Her first-ever comedy special is a continuation of her partnership with HBO Max following the recently announced *Starstruck*, a brand new comedy series written, created by and starring Matafeo. *Starstruck* and the stand-up special are produced by **Avalon Television** and executive produced by Matafeo, **Rob Aslett**, **Jon Thoday** and **Richard Allen-Turner**.
- **Ahir Shah** is a double Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee for "Best Comedy Show" in 2017 and 2018. He has had sold-out runs in London's West End, as well as successful UK and international tours, including runs at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and Just for Laughs comedy festival in Montreal. He is currently on tour with his critically acclaimed new stand-up show *Dots*, which made best of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe lists including The Guardian, The Times, The Daily Telegraph and The Scotsman. Produced by **Avalon Television**, Shah will executive produce his first stand-up comedy special alongside **Rob Aslett**, **Jon Thoday** and **Richard Allen-Turner**.

About HBO Max

HBO Max is WarnerMedia's direct-to-consumer offering debuting in spring 2020. With 10,000 hours of curated premium content anticipated at launch, HBO Max will offer powerhouse programming for everyone in the home, bringing together HBO, a robust slate of new original series, key third-party licensed programs and movies, and fan favorites from WarnerMedia's rich library including Warner Bros., New Line, DC, CNN, TNT, TBS, truTV, Turner Classic Movies, Cartoon Network, Adult Swim, Crunchyroll, Rooster Teeth, Looney Tunes and more. Sign up for updates at [HBOMax.com](https://www.hbomax.com).

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About Avalon Television

Avalon Television produces numerous ground-breaking television shows including: multi-E Emmy and Peabody award winner *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver* (HBO); multi-award winning and Emmy-nominated *Catastrophe* (Channel 4/Amazon Prime Video); 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); Sky's most successful new entertainment launch since 2010, *The Russell Howard Hour* (Sky); the recently launched *Alternatino* with Arturo Castro (Comedy Central USA); two seasons of *Wyatt Cenac's Problem Areas* (HBO); the recently green lit *Starstruck*, a sitcom from the 2018 Edinburgh Comedy Award winner Rose Matafeo (HBO Max/BBC); and the upcoming and *Everything's Gonna Be Okay* (Freeform). As well as iconic shows including: *Fantasy Football League* (BBC/ITV); the multi-BAFTA award-winning *TV Burp* (ITV); and seven seasons of *Workaholics* (Comedy Central USA).

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