

RICHARD HERRING EMBARKS ON A UK TOUR WITH HIS BRAND NEW SHOW, HAPPY NOW?

After years of drifting aimlessly and alone, RICHARD HERRING is now settled down with a wife and a tiny baby. Is he finally Happy Now? Or does responsibility for the lives of others come with its own terrors? In his twelfth solo stand up show, RICHARD examines whether we can ever hope to be or are meant to be truly content. If we were never unhappy would happiness have any meaning? Why do our brains force us to envision the worst possible outcomes even on a day when everything seems fine? How likely is it that RICHARD's baby will be skewered by a stalactite of frozen urine falling from a plane and is it really worth him wasting his time thinking about it? Does being happy mean a comedian loses his edge and true belly laughs only come from depression? How much pressure was there on Happy the dwarf to live up to his name? Is there any system that will guarantee us eternal bliss or should we just embrace the fact that life is a vale of tears and our only option is to laugh in its face?

Happy Now? is RICHARD HERRING'S twelfth stand-up tour in twelve years. The show premiered in September 2015 when RICHARD completed the mammoth task of performing each of his previous eleven consecutive stand-up shows over eleven evenings, before debuting Happy Now? on the final night.

RICHARD will resume his Happy Now? UK tour on Wednesday 3rd February and from Thursday 11th February he will perform at London's Leicester Square Theatre over three consecutive nights. The tour will conclude with two performances at London's Bloomsbury Theatre on 3rd and 4th June.

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Herring is a superior comedian ... hilarious **The Guardian**
Stimulating and Exhilarating... Utterly Hilarious **Chortle *******
The best comedian of his generation **GQ**

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Richard Herring has enjoyed phenomenal success as a writer and performer and is an innovator in the world of podcasts. As well as touring *Happy Now?* in 2016, the show will also be released on DVD.

Richard Herring's Leicester Square Theatre Podcast sees him interview top comedians in front of a live audience and is then released online both as videos and podcasts for free. Previous guests include

Stephen Fry, Simon Pegg, Armando Iannucci, Russell Brand, Stephen Merchant, Steve Coogan, Tim Minchin, David Mitchell and Stewart Lee. The show regularly has up to 200,000 listeners per episode, won three Chortle Internet Comedy Awards and is the only non-BBC show to ever win a Sony Best Comedy Award. Richard's audio podcast and sketch show *As It Occurs To Me* won a Chortle Award and was Sony-nominated. *Richard Herring's Meaning of Life* was an independently produced web series performed in front of a live audience and broadcast via the internet for free.

He writes a weekly column for the Metro newspaper and has a script in development with Channel 4. Richard has appeared as a guest on shows including *Alan Davies' As Yet Untitled* (Dave), *Pointless – Celebrities* (BBC One), *Argumental* (Dave), *Set List* (Sky Atlantic), *Have I Got News For You* (BBC One) and *Never Mind the Buzzcocks* (BBC2). He also wrote and performed two series of *Richard Herring's Objective* for BBC Radio 4.

Richard has written and appeared in a number of critically acclaimed plays that have been performed at the Edinburgh Festival, including *Rasputin*, *Punk's Not Dead*, *Excavating Rita* and *It's Not the End of the World*. His one-man Edinburgh shows include the critically-acclaimed *What is Love Anyway?*, *We're All Going to Die*, *Christ on a Bike* and *Hitler Moustache*. Richard's blog Warming Up has gained a cult following since he started it in November 2002 and he has written an entry for every single day since it began, making it what is believed to be the second longest consecutive daily blog in the world.

As one half of the comedy duo Lee & Herring, Richard Herring wrote and performed in shows such as *Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World* (BBC Radio 4), *Fist of Fun* (BBC Radio 1/BBC Two) and *This Morning with Richard Not Judy* (BBC Two). Richard bought the rights to bring out both series of *Fist of Fun* on DVD with Stewart Lee via independent Welsh company www.gofasterstripe.com.

With Al Murray, Richard devised and wrote 37 episodes of the sitcom *Time Gentlemen Please* (Sky One/Paramount) for Al's alter ego The Pub Landlord. Richard also wrote and starred in the comedy drama *You Can Choose Your Friends* (ITV1).

FULL LIST OF DATES

| DATE | VENUE | BOX OFFICE NUMBER |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 11-Feb-16 | London, Leicester Square Theatre | 0844 8733 433 |
| 12-Feb-16 | London, Leicester Square Theatre | 0844 8733 433 |
| 13-Feb-16 | London, Leicester Square Theatre | 08448733 433 |
| 17-Feb-16 | Sheffield City Hall, Memorial Hall | 0114 2789 789 |
| 18-Feb-16 | Leeds City Varieties | 0113 243 0808 |
| 19-Feb-16 | Salford Quays, The Lowry | 0843 208 6000 |
| 20-Feb-16 | Liverpool, Epstein Theatre | 0844 888 4411 |
| 03-Mar-16 | Warwick Arts Centre | 024 7652 4524 |
| 04-Mar-16 | Oxford, The Glee Club | 0871 472 0400 |
| 05-Mar-16 | Northampton, Derngates | 01604 624811 |
| 10-Mar-16 | Croydon, Fairfield Halls | 020 8688 9291 |
| 11-Mar-16 | Exeter, Northcott Theatre | 01392 493 493 |
| 12-Mar-16 | Colchester Arts Centre | 01206 500900 |
| 16-Mar-16 | Edinburgh, The Stand | 0131 558 7272 |
| 17-Mar-16 | Glasgow Citizens Theatre | 0141 429 0022 |
| 18-Mar-16 | York Barbican | 0844 854 2757 |
| 19-Mar-16 | Norwich Playhouse | 01603 598598 |
| 23-Mar-16 | Chorley Little Theatre | 01257 264362 |
| 24-Mar-16 | Lincoln Performing Arts | 01522 837600 |
| 25-Mar-16 | Wolverhampton Civic | 0870 320 7000 |
| 26-Mar-16 | Reading South Street | 0118 960 6060 |
| 30-Mar-16 | Canterbury, Gulbenkian | 01227 769075 |
| 31-Mar-16 | Aldershot, West End Centre | 01252 330040 |
| 01-Apr-16 | Swindon Arts Centre | 01793 524 481 |
| 02-Apr-16 | Milton Keynes Stables | 01908 280800 |
| 08-Apr-16 | Shrewsbury, Theatre Severn | 01743 281281 |
| 09-Apr-16 | Stafford Gatehouse | 01785 619080 |
| 10-Apr-16 | Newcastle, The Stand | 0191 300 9700 |
| 11-Apr-16 | Hanley, The Glee Club | 0871 472 0400 |
| 12-Apr-16 | Cardiff St David's Hall (Studio) | 029 2087 8500 |
| 14-Apr-16 | Wycombe Swan Town Hall | 01494 512 000 |
| 15-Apr-16 | The Alban Arena, St Albans | 01727 844488 |
| 16-Apr-16 | Folkestone, Quarterhouse | 01303 760750 |
| 21-Apr-16 | Brighton Komedia | 0845 293 8480 |
| 22-Apr-16 | Bath Komedia | 0845 293 8480 |
| 23-Apr-16 | Crawley Hawth Studio | 01293 553636 |
| 24-Apr-16 | Nottingham, The Glee Club | 0871 472 0400 |
| 28-Apr-16 | Cheltenham Town Hall , Pillar Room | 0844 576 2210 |
| 29-Apr-16 | Sutton, The Secombe | 020 3771 9055 |
| 30-Apr-16 | Winchester Theatre Royal | 01962 840440 |
| 03-Jun-15 | London, Bloomsbury Theatre | 020 3108 1000 |
| 04-Jun-15 | London, Bloomsbury Theatre | 020 3108 1000 |