

# THE HORNE SECTION ANNOUNCE 2020 TOUR EXTENSION INCLUDING SPECIAL PERFORMANCES AT RONNIE SCOTT'S

★★★★★ **Metro** ★★★★★ **Time Out** ★★★★★ **The Sunday Times** ★★★★★ **Mail On Sunday** ★★★★★ **Daily Mail** ★★★★★ **Daily Express** ★★★★★ **TV Times** ★★★★★ **Londonist**

*A riotous splicing of live music and comedy*

**The Observer**

*Genuinely clever... they really are good at music... come back soon*

**The Daily Telegraph**

*It's a band of professional musicians fronted by Taskmaster's Alex Horne, who turns their abilities to pluck a tune into brilliant comedy magic*

**Radio Times**

The six-headed comedy band **The Horne Section** have extended their biggest UK tour to date due to overwhelming demand for tickets after their latest show *That's How I Like My Tour* enjoyed a sell-out run in 2019. The extension runs from 16<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020, with two special shows at London's iconic jazz venue Ronnie Scott's on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April, marking the band's ten year anniversary in the place where it all began. The tour is on sale now with tickets for the Ronnie Scott's shows on pre-sale for members from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and general sale from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets can be found at [thehornection.com](http://thehornection.com).

Unruly, ridiculous and surprisingly satisfying, The Horne Section combine music and comedy in a typically unpredictable way, blending stupid songs with a carnival atmosphere and plenty of puns. Expect a mixture of toe-tapping tunes, exceptional musicality, and 5 talented musicians being made to do silly things by bearded comedian, and creator & star of *Taskmaster*, **Alex Horne**.

The band's TV credits include regular appearances in Dictionary Corner on *8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown* (Channel 4), *The Royal Variety Performance 2018* (ITV), *Last Leg Christmas Special* (Channel 4), as well as the 2 hour special *The Horne Section Television Programme* on UKTV's Dave. Filmed at the London Palladium in front of a sold out live audience, the variety show featured guest appearances from **Sue Perkins**, **Sara Pascoe**, **Joe Wilkinson**, and Girls Aloud's **Nadine Coyle**.

Away from the stage, their podcast *The Horne Section Podcast* reached number one in the iTunes charts on the first day of its release and features a variety of guests including **Nish Kumar**, **Richard Osman**, **Roisin Conaty**, and **Rick Edwards**. The band have previously hosted three series of *Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section* on BBC Radio 4.

The band have performed to numerous sold-out audiences at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe as well as at The Lyric Theatre - Shaftesbury Avenue, The Criterion Theatre and The Hackney Empire, Udderbelly Festival - Southbank, and The Leicester Square Speigletent.

Acclaimed comedian Alex Horne is the unmusical band leader at the helm of The Horne Section. Alex is the creator and co-host of the Broadcast Award winning and International Emmy, BAFTA, Royal Television Society, & Broadcasting Press Guild nominated show *Taskmaster* which is set to return for its 10<sup>th</sup> series on Channel 4 in 2020. An international hit, the original *Taskmaster* programme and format combined has been sold into 106 countries including local versions of the show which have been produced for Comedy Central in the U.S. (starring Reggie Watts as the Taskmaster), VTM

in Belgium, and TVE in Spain, TVNZ in New Zealand, MVT in Finland, and Discovery in Norway, a third series is in production with TV2 for Denmark, and a fourth series is in production for SVT in Sweden where it won Programme of the Year at the Kristallen 2019 (Sweden's TV Academy Awards). Alex is an Edinburgh Fringe veteran taking nine solo shows to the festival and earning an Edinburgh Comedy Award nomination in 2014 following a Best Newcomer Award nomination in 2003.

The Horne Section are: **Alex Horne** (band leader), **Joe Auckland** (trumpet and banjo), **Mark Brown** (saxophone), **Will Collier** (bass), **Ben Reynolds** (drums and percussion) and **Ed Sheldrake** (keyboards).

## WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT THE HORNE SECTION

*A beguiling blend of the smart and stupid....a real delight*  
★★★★ The Sunday Times

*This is a thought-provoking, anarchic and wildly entertaining welding of stand-up comedy and big band music*  
The Guardian

*An absolute blast*  
★★★★★ Metro

*We can't recommend The Horne Section highly enough*  
★★★★★ Time Out

*Expect some genuinely impressive musical talent, clever genre observations ...and beard jokes a-plenty*  
★★★★ Londonist

*They're pretty much the funniest thing in musical comedy*  
TV Times

*A toe-tapping and uproarious cabaret affair*  
The List

*All singing, all dancing and all joking this show is brilliantly witty and refreshingly silly. A must see for musical comedy fans!*  
About Time Magazine

Jolly good it is too, especially if you are a fan of whimsy, lunacy and larks  
Total TV Guide

*You'd be hard pushed to find a more enjoyable night out*  
Chortle

## TOUR DATES

16-Mar-20	Reading, Hexagon
31-Mar-20	Kingston, Rose Theatre
02-Apr-20	Salisbury, City Hall
27-Apr-20	London, Ronnie Scotts
28-Apr-20	London, Ronnie Scotts
06-May-20	Northampton, Royal and Derngate
07-May-20	Dartford, Orchard Theatre
21-May-20	Loughborough, Town Hall

26-May-20	Warwick, Arts Centre
03-Jun-20	Lincoln, Engine Shed
04-Jun-20	Peterborough, Key Theatre
09-Jun-20	Richmond Theatre, Richmond
07-Jul-20	Margate, Theatre Royal
09-Jul-20	Wycombe, Swan
15-Jul-20	Guildford, G Live

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