

JASON BENT SET TO TOUR



Jason Bent is now set to tour alongside Lee Nelson in a brand new live stand-up show. Jason Bent hit the headlines last month when he found himself on the pitch warming up alongside Manchester City football players. The surge in popularity has seen clips of Jason Bent viewed more than a million times on You Tube and saw him trending on Twitter last week, during a live Q&A to promote the current BBC Three TV series, Lee Nelson's Well Funny People, in which the character features. Both Jason Bent and Lee Nelson are character creations of comedian SIMON BRODKIN.

The brand new 31-date nationwide stand-up tour, including London's IndigO2, kicks off on 28th April. Lee Nelson's Well Funny People is on BBC Three, Thursday nights, 10.00pm.

Ends

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SIMON BRODKIN

Acclaimed character comedian SIMON BRODKIN is the writer and star of BBC Three's ratings success Lee Nelson's Well Good Show. LEE NELSON has a brand new nationwide live tour kicking off on 28th April 2013 and appeared on this year's Let's Dance for... Comic Relief (BBC One), getting to the final and making him the only person to perform on the show twice (he performed Wham's 'Club Tropicana' in tiny white trunks in 2011). LEE NELSON has hosted and appeared on Live at the Apollo (BBC One).

SIMON's additional television and radio credits include appearances on Channel 4's Comedy Gala; Absolutely Fabulous (BBC One); Children In Need (BBC One); Al Murray's Multiple Personality (ITV1); Comedy Rocks (ITV1); Big Brother's Big Mouth (Channel 4); The Wall (BBC Three); Edinburgh and Beyond (Comedy Central); and BBC Radio 2's Out To Lunch. A DVD of Lee Nelson's Well Good Show, Series One and Lee Nelson Live are available to buy now. SIMON also wrote a weekly column in the News of The World as LEE NELSON.

SIMON has taken five hit solo shows to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, where he won the Writer's Guild Award for Best Newcomer. In 2010 he took Lee Nelson's Well Good Edinbra Show to the Fringe, selling every single ticket and receiving rave reviews, with a follow-on nationwide tour of Lee Nelson's Well Good Show.

AVALON PROMOTIONS

Avalon is one of the leading promoters of live comedy in the UK. Recent highlights include: RUSSELL HOWARD performing to over 240,000 fans with sell-out tour Right Here, Right Now; AL MURRAY's twice extended show Al Murray The Pub Landlord The Only Way Is Epic, including two dates at the Queen's Theatre, London; *Edinburgh Comedy Award* and the *Barry Award* winning RUSSELL KANE's new tour with Posturing Delivery; RICHARD HERRING returning to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe for his 25th year; DAVE GORMAN's *Barry Award* nominated sell-out tour Powerpoint Presentation; GREG DAVIES's *Edinburgh Comedy Award* nominated, triple-extended, 109 date sell-out show Firing Cheeseballs at a Dog and new tour The Back of My Mum's Head, including two dates at the Hammersmith Apollo; LEE NELSON's sell-out date at the IndigO2 with Lee Nelson Live; ROB DELANEY selling out his UK debut London run at Soho Theatre in one hour from a single tweet; U.S.'s number one podcasting comedian PAUL F. TOMPKINS playing the UK for the first time at London's Soho Theatre.

TOUR DATES

<u>April</u>			
Sunday 28 th		Hereford, The Courtyard	01432 340 555
Monday 29 th		Stafford Gatehouse Theatre	01785 254 653
Tuesday 30 th		Llandudno Venue Cymru	01492 872 000
<u>May</u>			
Thursday 2 nd		Fifes Rothes Halls	01592 611 101
Friday 3 rd		Inverness Ironworks	0871 789 4173
Saturday 4 th		Durham Gala Theatre	0191 332 4041
Sunday 5 th		Leeds City Varieties	0113 243 0808
Monday 6 th		Peterborough The Cresset	01733 265 705
Thursday 9 th		Hayes Beck Theatre	020 8561 8371
Friday 10 th		Aldershot Princes Hall	01252 329 155
Saturday 11 th		Lowestoft Marina Theatre	01502 533 200
Sunday 12 th		Salford Lowry Lyric Theatre	0843 208 6000

Monday 13 th		Exeter Corn Exchange	01392 665 938
Tuesday 14 th		Swansea Grand Theatre	01792 475 715
Thursday 16 th		Southend Cliffs Pavilion	01702 351 135
Friday 17 th		Wolverhampton Civic	0870 320 7000
Saturday 18 th		Northampton Derngate Theatre	01604 624 811
Sunday 19 th		Shrewsbury Theatre Severn	01743 281 281
Monday 20 th		Swindon Wyvern Theatre	01793 524 481
Wednesday 22 nd		Liverpool Philharmonic Hall	0151 709 3789
Thursday 23 rd		Porthcawl Grand Pavilion	01656 815 995
Friday 24 th		St Albans, The Alban Arena	01727 844 488
Saturday 25 th		Reading Hexagon	0118 960 6060
Sunday 26 th		Yeovil, The Octagon Theatre	01935 422 884
Tuesday 28 th		Sheffield City Hall, Memorial Hall	01142 789 789
Wednesday 29 th		Nottingham Playhouse	0115 941 9419
Thursday 30 th		London IndigO2	0844 856 0202
Friday 31 st		Birmingham Alexandra	0844 871 3011
June			
Saturday 1 st		Buxton Opera house	0845 127 2190
Monday 3 rd		Bristol Colston Hall	0117 922 3686
Tuesday 4 th		Southsea Kings Theatre	023 9282 8282