



JON CULSHAW ANNOUNCES TOUR WITH AN EVENING OF UNSCRIPTED COMEDY IN THE GREAT BRITISH TAKE OFF

It was announced today (Tuesday 20th June) that comedian and impressionist **Jon Culshaw** and legendary comedy producer **Bill Dare** will bring their much anticipated tour to the stage this autumn. *The Great British Take Off* follows a successful sell out preview run earlier in the year.

This 14-date UK tour takes off from 2nd September to 30th November, and sees Jon and Bill perform an evening of unscripted, unrehearsed, spontaneous comedy and conversation as politicians, sports personalities and celebrities old and new are all up for a roasting. The audience help choose which characters appear and what direction the show takes. Jon reveals the secrets of mimicry, and shares stories of some of the fascinating characters that coloured his childhood in Lancashire and his early career. Together with Bill he reveals some of the mayhem of life behind the scenes in television and on the celebrity circuit.

Jon Culshaw has established himself as one of Britain's best impressionists with an unmatched versatility and a catalogue of over 350 voices and impersonations including; **Jeremy Corbyn, Boris Johnson, Donald Trump, Alan Carr, John Bishop, Michael McIntyre, Sean Spicer, Andy Murray, Michael Gove** and **Professor Brian Cox** to name a few. A busy year for Jon has seen the return of the hugely successful radio comedy *Dead Ringers* (BBC Radio 4) as well as a brand new series of impressionist show *Newzoids* (ITV). Other recent appearances include *Frank Skinner on Demand With...* (BBC iPlayer) and *The Cars That Made Britain* (Channel 5). Further TV credits include *Spitting Image*, *The Impressionable Jon Culshaw*, *2DTV*, *Head Cases* for ITV, and *Jon Culshaw's Commercial Breakdown* (BBC1) and *The Impressions Show* alongside Debra Stephenson on BBC1. Jon is also a regular guest on current affairs programmes including *The Now Show* and *Secret World* (BBC Radio 4).

Bill Dare is an English author and creator/producer of radio and television comedy programmes for the BBC including: *The Mary Whitehouse Experience*, *Dead Ringers*, *The Now Show*, *The Late Edition*, *I've Never Seen Star Wars* and *The Secret World*, and *Brian Gulliver's Travels*. He was also



the producer of eight series of ITV's *Spitting Image*. His first two stage plays, *Touch* and *Misconception* were both performed at the Edinburgh Fringe.

For more information, interview requests and press tickets, please contact: Lucy Plosker at lucyp@avalonuk.com or phone 020 7598 7222.

Tickets are on general sale now.