

STAR OF UNSPUN MATT FORDE EMBARKS ON NATIONWIDE TOUR INCLUDING SOHO THEATRE RUN WITH A SHOW HASTILY REWRITTEN IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS – AGAIN!

“Stand-up impressionist Matt Forde has the kind of impersonation skills necessary to make the political class shift uncomfortably in its collective seat.” ★★★★★ Dominic Cavendish, The Daily Telegraph

“An hour of high-quality, intelligent satire” ★★★★★ Paul Fleckney, Chortle

Following a sold-out and critically acclaimed Edinburgh Festival Fringe run, the UK’s leading political comedian and star of Dave’s award-nominated *Unspun* **Matt Forde** is taking his new show on a nationwide tour from 25th March – 8th June which includes a run at London’s Soho Theatre from 3rd-7th April. In turbulent political times, find the funny side of the worldwide political shitstorm as **Matt** picks apart the rhetoric, reacts to our Conservative/DUP/Labour/SNP (delete as appropriate) government and celebrates the best and worst coming out of Westminster. Now with added Trump

A former advisor to the Labour Party, Matt is currently hosting the fourth series of *Unspun* on Dave. Produced by Avalon, *Unspun* was nominated for Best Entertainment Programme at the 2017 Broadcast Digital Awards. In the lead up to the 2017 General Election, Matt was a regular guest on the *One Show*, commenting on the best and most bizarre moments of the campaign trail. Matt’s other TV credits include: *Have I Got News For You* (BBC One), *The Royal Variety Performance* (ITV), *Mock The Week* (BBC Two), *Rory Bremner’s Coalition Report* and *Rory Bremner’s Election Report* (BBC Two), *Question Time* (BBC One), *This Week* (BBC One), *Newsnight* (BBC Two) and *Daily Politics* (BBC Two).

Matt’s London show, *The Political Party*, has been a sell-out during its monthly residency at Westminster’s The Other Palace for nearly five years. Matt has brought Parliament to life with his stand-up and debate with some of politics’ most powerful and notorious figures, including **Tony Blair, Jacob Rees-Mogg, Lord Adonis, Vince Cable, Ed Balls, Ruth Davidson, Alastair Campbell, Michael Portillo, Harriet Harman, Nigel Farage, Neil Kinnock, Alan Johnson, Lord Prescott, Jack Straw** and **Dame Tessa Jowell**. The now-weekly Political Party Podcast has amassed over 840,000 downloads on Soundcloud, hit the top spot of the iTunes comedy chart, was picked as the Daily Telegraph’s podcast of the week, and was nominated for the Internet Award in the 2015 Chortle Awards.

WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT MATT FORDE

“A first class comic” The Guardian

Possibly the best political comedy show on the Fringe’ The Telegraph

“Highly engaging, inherently funny... an ability to ad lib laughs out of thin air” Chortle

*“Singlehandedly fulfilling comedy’s brief of taking our political masters to task. Combining spot-on impressions with up to the minute observations” **** Mail on Sunday*

*“Smooth as silk. Brings confidence and energy to political satire” **** Edinburgh Festivals Magazine*

“Up to the minute, witty and, yes, funny, Forde has the knack of dealing with a serious subject and getting some excellent gags”

Sunday Express

***** **The Herald**

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ABOUT AVALON

Avalon is a multi-award winning talent management, live promotion and television production group with offices in the UK and the USA.

The talent management arm has discovered and represents many artists which are household names, both in the UK, the USA, and around the world.

Through Avalon Promotions the group produced *Newman and Baddiel: Live at Wembley*, the UK's first arena comedy show; Jerry Springer: The Opera, the first West End show to win all four UK 'Best New Musical' awards; and has continued to produce live shows globally, as well as promoting more winners and nominees of the prestigious Edinburgh Comedy Award than any other company.

In 2017 Avalon was named the top true independent television production company in the UK and has produced numerous ground-breaking television shows including: Emmy and Peabody award winner *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver* (HBO), multi-award winning and Emmy-nominated *Catastrophe* (Channel 4/Amazon Prime), RTS and Rose d'Or winning *Not Going Out* (BBC1's longest running sitcom currently on air), BAFTA and RTS-nominated *Taskmaster* (DAVE), multi-BAFTA award winning *TV Burp* (ITV1), *Russell Howard's Good News* (BBC2), *Fantasy Football League* (BBC/ITV) and *Workaholics* (Comedy Central USA).

Avalon Television, Liberty Bell Productions, Flame Television and Topical Television form the television arm of the company and other shows currently in production include: *The Button* (BBC One), *Not Going Out* (BBC One) *Taskmaster USA* (Comedy Central), *Man Down* (C4), *The Chris Ramsey Show* (Comedy Central), *Russell Howard & Mum: Road Trip* (Comedy Central), *Unspun with Matt Forde* (Dave) and *Stand Up Central with Chris Ramsey* (Comedy Central); whilst the catalogue is sold worldwide by Avalon Distribution.

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