



Find the funny side of the worldwide shitstorm with MATT FORDE, the UK's leading political comedian and star of Dave's award-nominated Unspun. In turbulent political times and following a generation-defining fourth public vote in two years, who knows where we'll be in August, but come and seek solace with Matt as he picks apart the rhetoric, reacts to our Labour/Conservative/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 Forde has hosted three series of Unspun on Dave, with a fourth commissioned for later this year. Unspun is nominated for *Best Entertainment Programme* at the 2017 Broadcast Awards. In the lead up to the 2017 General Election, Matt has been 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 Forde's London show, The Political Party, has been a sell-out during its monthly residency at Westminster's The Other Palace. Matt has brought Parliament to life with his stand-up and debate with some of the Government's most notorious figures, including Tony Blair, Jacob Rees-Mogg, 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 show is also released as a podcast which 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.

At 3pm on Wednesday 16th August, Matt will host a special Edinburgh Political Party, with the guest to be announced.

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WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT MATT FORDE

'Possibly the best political comedy show on the Fringe' **The Telegraph**

"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**

"A first class comic" **The Guardian**

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

"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**



LISTINGS INFORMATION

A Show Hastily Re-Written in Light of Recent Events - Again!

Venue: Pleasance Forth, Pleasance

Date: 2nd - 27th August

Time: 20:30

Box Office: 0131 556 6550

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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: *Taskmaster USA* (Comedy Central), *Man Down* (C4), *Unspun with Matt Forde* (UKTV), *Taskmaster UKTV*, *Stand Up Central* (Comedy Central), *Dave Gorman's Modern Life is Goodish* (UKTV), and *The Russell Howard Hour* w/t (Sky 1); whilst the catalogue is sold worldwide by Avalon Distribution.

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