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NOT GOING OUT RETURNS TO BBC ONE - FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER

WILL THEY OR WON'T THEY... THE TIME HAS COME TO FINALLY FIND OUT

LEE MACK, the *British Comedy Award* and *BAFTA* winning comedian, brings his multi award-winning peak-time sitcom, Not Going Out back to Friday nights on BBC ONE. Currently the BBC's longest running sitcom, written by and starring LEE MACK, this new 10-part series continues to follow the hilariously ill-thought-out plans and mishaps of Lee as he desperately tries to impress long-suffering landlady and object of his affection, Lucy (SALLY BRETTON). As ever, uber-ditzy friend Daisy (KATY WIX) is on hand to offer her usually unsolicited and always completely unique take on events, while Lee's dad (BOBBY BALL) and Lucy's parents only ever seem to result in him further tying himself in ever-more-complicated knots. This series also introduces new neighbours Toby (HUGH DENNIS) and Anna (ABIGAIL CRUTTENDEN), a well-heeled couple who soon experience that when sharing a building with Lee and Lucy things are anything but straightforward.

Highlights in this series include an emasculated Lee feeling forced to prove his masculinity again... and again, to a more disappointed than usual Lucy; Lee and Lucy making every wrong decision humanly possible in the bid to find the perfect present for a new neighbour; Lee wrestling with Lucy's desire to have a child with *another* man; and when Lee joins Daisy to compete on the hit TV show Pointless (yes, really) how could he fail to prove his intellectual prowess to Lucy? The will-they-won't-they tension reaches unseen new highs in an epic series finale for Christmas that sees Lucy and Lee in previously uncharted emotional water. Will they, or wont they... the time has come to finally find out.

LEE MACK has established himself as one of the UK's most recognisable and celebrated comedy stars. A busy year has seen him return as resident team captain on Would I Lie To You? (BBC ONE); host a new series for Sky One with Duck Quacks Don't Echo which returned for a second series this September; embark on a national tour with a brand new stand up show, Hit The Road Mack, already a sell-out before it started, the tour was extended twice and sees LEE playing 84 dates this autumn including eight shows at London's iconic Hammersmith Apollo; while DVDs of his new stand up show and Not Going Out will also be released in time for Christmas 2014.

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Series starts Friday 17th October on BBC One



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WHAT THE PRESS HAVE SAID ABOUT NOT GOING OUT

"This is one of the most gag-rich comedies on the box and, as it returns for a new series, the quality of the writing has not waned a jot."

David Stephenson, Sunday Express

". . . this sitcom's philosophy is brilliantly simple: "Didn't like that joke? Nevermind, here comes another one. And another. And another."

Ian Hyland, The Daily Mirror

"What it delivers are sharp, uncomplicated laughs, laced with a good-natured smuttiness perfect for Friday nights."

David Butcher, Radio Times

"Lee Mack's hilarious sitcom returns for a fifth series...The show's American style gag-a-minute works well, keeping it consistently funny."

Mark Wareham, The Mail on Sunday

"The main reason to watch Not Going Out has always been because of its absolutely ingenious one-liners, puns and double entendres. . . Not Going Out remains a rare thing - a brightly lit British studio sitcom that is actually worth staying in for."

Sharon Lougher, Metro

"Hurrah for this new series of delightfully silly sitcom antics from Lee Mack"

The Sun

"Lee Mack and his co-stars are set to give your jaws another high intensity workout with an episode that packs so many laughs into each minute, the EU should probably slap a health warning on it."

Jane Simon, The Daily Mirror

"quickfire gagathon"

Time Out

"Not Going Out is chock full of gags." ★★★★★

Boyd Hilton, Heat

"It's a great finale, which has got us crossing our fingers that the BBC will commission another series..."

★★★★★

TV Times

"Lee Mack's jokes, jibes and general misunderstandings about life in Not Going Out always cracks us up."

Reveal

"excellent sitcom"

Mike Ward, Daily Star

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SERIES EPISODE SYNOPSIS

1/ MUGGING

When Lucy has her handbag stolen from right under Lee's nose, he feels the need to prove his manliness over and over and over again.

2/ CHRISTENING

Lee's big mouth has got him and Lucy invited to a Christening Party thrown by new neighbours Toby and Anna, and now they have no time to find the perfect present for the baby who has everything.

3/ DONOR

When Lucy decides it's time to have a baby she's surprised to find the whole family taking a personal interest in the conception.

4/ ANNA

Lucy aspires to be friends with her posh new neighbours, Toby and Anna, but hasn't reckoned on Lee dragging her back down to earth.

5/ POINTLESS

In an attempt to impress Lucy with his intellectual prowess Lee joins Daisy as a contestant on the TV quiz show, Pointless.

6/ ALCOHOL

Frank's drinking becomes a problem and forces Lee and Lucy to reassess the living arrangements in the flat.

7/ SURPRISE

No matter what happens, Lucy's surprise party for her parents' anniversary must remain a secret or it won't be a surprise. So why she tells Lee about it is anyone's guess.

8/ PLANE

Flying off on a summer holiday, Lucy and Daisy endure the worst flight of their lives when Lee gets a bad case of the jitters on the plane.

9/ LUCY

Lee spends time in the bar with Toby worrying that the woman of his dreams is drifting further away.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Further information to follow



PRODUCTION CREDITS

The series is directed by NICK WOOD and produced by JAMIE RIX. Executive Producers are RICHARD ALLEN-TURNER, ROB ASLETT, LEE MACK and JON THODAY.