FRANK SKINNER ANNOUNCES WEST END RUN FOR 'SHOWBIZ'

On sale Thursday 24th October at 10am

What the press said about Showbiz…

'Skinner is a master of everything from storytelling to quick one-liners…Shockingly good stand-up.'
Stephen Armstrong, Sunday Times

'Very funny indeed… the archetypal comic with "funny bones" … irresistible'
Brian Logan, The Guardian

'Skinner is still very, very funny… A keen football fan, no doubt he'd appreciate the analogy that form is temporary, but class is permanent. Skinner remains a class act.'
Alan Chadwick, Daily Mail

"I've got to tell you, that's a great joke," he stops to tell us after one neat play on words. Insufferable arrogance? No, it plays as Skinner being in the moment. He is unhurried enough to enjoy the experience alongside us; quick-witted enough to interact with the crowd with wicked wit throughout. This old timer's funny bones have never been less creaky'
Dominic Maxwell, The Times

Following a sold out 2019 national tour, **Frank Skinner** brings his stand-up show, *Showbiz* to the West End for the first time, in January 2020. After a successful 2019, which included sold-out runs at London's Leicester Square Theatre and the Edinburgh Fringe, Frank will perform a five week limited run at the Garrick Theatre. Performances start on 13th January until 15th February 2020 with tickets going on sale tomorrow.

LISTINGS INFORMATION:

Venue:	Garrick Theatre, 2 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0HH
Date:	Monday 13th January – Saturday 15th February
Time:	7.30pm
Ticket Price:	£25.00*
Box Office:	0330 333 4811
Website:	www.nimaxtheatres.com/shows/frank-skinner-showbiz/

*A £1.50 restoration levy and £2.25 booking fee will be added to all bookings made online and over the phone

What the press said about Frank Skinner's stand-up

'Provocative, remorseless, and very, very funny'
Times

'One of Britain's funniest men'
Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard

'Outrageously funny'
Mark Monahan, The Telegraph

***Showbiz* at London's Garrick Theatre runs from 13th January – 15th February**

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Frank announced the *Showbiz* tour during a non-stop 10-hour radio show, which marked the 10-year anniversary of his hugely successful career at Absolute Radio. Frank's award-winning show, *The Frank Skinner Show,* attracts over one million listeners per week, has achieved 10 million podcast downloads and saw him inducted into the Radio Academy's Hall of Fame in 2016.

Frank Skinner's live career began in 1987 when he spent £400 of his last £435 booking a room at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Four years later in 1991 he returned to the city and beat fellow nominees Jack Dee and Eddie Izzard to take home comedy's most prestigious prize, *The Perrier Award*. Frank's last live stand-up show, *Man In a Suit*, sold out its debut run at London's Soho Theatre and a subsequent five week residency at the Leicester Square Theatre. Frank performed *Man In a Suit* for 24 consecutive nights at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2014 and went on to release the show on DVD through Universal Studios UK.

Away from the stage, Frank's TV credentials in 2018 included writing and starring as Johnny Cash in *Johnny Cash & the Ostrich* - a one-off special forming part of the successful Urban Myths series airing on Sky Arts, as well as hosting a seventh series of BBC1's *Room 101*.

As England made their World Cup run last summer, the iconic football anthem *Three Lions*, written by Frank alongside David Baddiel and The Lightning Seeds, topped the singles chart for a fourth separate time - the first time a single has ever reached number one on four separate occasions with the same artist line-up.

Frank created *The Frank Skinner Show* (ITV), which is widely credited as setting the tone for the modern comedic chat show and ran for nine years, attracting 11 million viewers at its peak. He hosted three series of *Frank Skinner's Opinionated* for BBC Two, and recently presented a one-off documentary, *Frank Skinner on Muhammad Ali*, for BBC One. In 2014 Frank guest starred in an episode of *Doctor Who*. With David Baddiel, Frank created and presented *Fantasy Football* and *Baddiel and Skinner Unplanned* (ITV).

Alongside his regular show on Absolute Radio, Frank has carried out exclusive feature interviews for the station with a number of esteemed guests including Nobel Peace Prize-winning former Vice President Al Gore and Russell T Davies,

former executive producer of Doctor Who. Frank has also written and starred in three series of the critically-acclaimed comedy drama series *Don't Start* for BBC Radio 4 and has created and hosted two series of his comedy panel show *The Rest is History* for BBC Radio 4.

As an author, Frank Skinner has published *Dispatches from the Sofa*; a collection of columns he wrote for The Times over a two-year period and has written two autobiographies, the first of which, *Frank Skinner*, was the top selling autobiography of 2002, spending 46 weeks in The Sunday Times Bestseller List. The second *Frank Skinner On The Road*, chronicled his 2007, sell-out return to stand-up.