



RUSSELL HOWARD'S FIRST EVER LIVE STAND-UP TV SHOW TO AIR ON COMEDY CENTRAL THIS SPRING

One of the UK's most successful comedians, RUSSELL HOWARD is set to host his first ever stand-up TV show on Comedy Central. The 10-part series, Russell Howard's Stand Up Central, will launch on Wednesday 29th April at 9pm.

Written and presented by the hugely popular comedian, the series is being filmed in front of a live audience at the intimate and legendary Electric Ballroom in Camden, featuring performances from RUSSELL, as well as two handpicked stand-up guests each episode. In addition to performing new and exclusive material, RUSSELL will delve into questions from viewers on social media and interact with members of the audience.

In each episode, RUSSELL is joined by a headline and support act, invited to showcase their talents. These include DOC BROWN (Derek, The Inbetweeners), ROISIN CONATY (Man Down), ROB DELANEY (Catastrophe), CARL DONNELLY (Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee), NICK HELM (Uncle), ALEX HORNE (The Horne Section), ANDREW MAXWELL (Conspiracy Road Trip), SARA PASCOE (W1A), KATHERINE RYAN (Room 101, Have I got News For You) and JOE WILKINSON (Him & Her, 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown).

RUSSELL HOWARD said, *"I'm really looking forward to hosting the show. We've got loads of great new comics on and...It's also quite close to my house."*

JILL OFFMAN, MD Comedy Central UK & SVP Comedy VIMN added, *"Ever since I saw Russell Howard's live stand up show five years ago, it has been my dream to get him on Comedy Central. The whole team loves his work and he has massive appeal with our audience."*

An Avalon Television Production for Comedy Central, Russell Howard's Stand Up Central is directed by PETER ORTON (Russell Howard's Good News, TV Burp), and produced by JASON DAWSON (Russell Howard's Good News). Executive Producers are JILL OFFMAN, LOURDES DIAZ and EMMA CLARKE for Comedy Central and RICHARD ALLEN TURNER, JAMES TAYLOR and JON THODAY for Avalon.

Last year, RUSSELL embarked on his brand new sell-out world tour Wonderbox, performing to over 285,000 fans at 40 shows across the UK and Ireland, including four consecutive nights at London's Royal Albert Hall, as well as sold-out runs in the USA, Australia and New Zealand. He is now the biggest UK comedian on Facebook with over 3.1 million fans and over a million on Twitter.

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What the press have said about Russell Howard

"Howard has become one of the most successful stand-ups of his generation."

Ross Jones, The Telegraph

"Perennially popular... sanguine hyperactive stand-up - with a healthy dollop of schoolyard puerility."

Warren Howard, The Independent

"Howard's success is down to the way his comic outlook strikes a chord with so many younger people. He's not afraid to be silly and gently whimsical but he never disappears up his own arse. And his attitude is always sunnily optimistic, taking delight in the daft little details of his life."

James Kettle, The Guardian

Notes to Editors:

About Avalon Television

Avalon Television are currently also in production with: new USA hit, Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO); the second series of GREG DAVIES critically acclaimed new sitcom, Man Down (Channel 4); Adam Devine's House Party (Comedy Central USA); the second series of Channel 4's new hit comedy, Catastrophe, co-written by and co-starring Rob Delaney and Sharon Horgan; the multi-award-winning and BBC's longest running sitcom, Not Going Out (BBC One), written by and starring LEE MACK; BBC Three's most successful entertainment show, which this year moved to BBC Two, Russell Howard's Good News; Comedy Central's (USA) breakout hit Workaholics; Taskmaster, a new comedy series for UKTV's Dave; and new Channel 4 pilot, Chris Ramsey's Too Much Information.

About Comedy Central:

Comedy Central is a leading Pay TV General Entertainment channel and is part of Viacom International Media Networks (VIMN). A joint venture between VIMN (75%) and BSkyB (25%), Comedy Central airs on the Sky and Virgin Media platforms. Comedy Central launched in the UK in April 2008 and has since grown by a phenomenal 53%. **The channel broadcasts a mix of hit US acquisitions and original UK productions targeting a 16-34 year-old audience. Popular shows include *Two and a Half Men*, *Mike and Molly*, *The Middle*, *The Daily Show*, *South Park* and *Friends*.** In 2012 Comedy Central aired its first local commission *Threesome* which received both critical acclaim and high ratings. A subsequent series followed as well as the channel's second commission *Alternative Comedy Experience*. In 2014 Comedy Central greenlit series production on two **international** commissions, *Brotherhood* and *I Live With Models*, and went into **UK** series production on *Drunk History*. In addition to the main Comedy Central channel are **Comedy Central +1, Comedy Central Extra and Comedy Central Extra +1 providing audiences with more viewing opportunities and more fantastic content.**

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