



# **FRANK SKINNER ANNOUNCES NEW SHOWBIZ STAND UP TOUR FOR THIS AUTUMN**

**On sale Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10am**

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

*'One of Britain's funniest men'*  
**Evening Standard**

**Frank Skinner** has announced a nationwide tour this autumn with his new stand up show *Showbiz*. Since his last tour, Frank's only live comedy appearances have been with *The Man With No Show*, which saw him perform an hour of completely improvised stand-up comedy with no material and no set list. Now Frank is back after four years, performing at 44 venues across the UK and Ireland starting on 13<sup>th</sup> September until 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## **TOUR DATES**

Friday 13-Sep-19: **Ipswich, Corn Exchange, 8.00pm**

Sunday 15-Sep-19: **Southend, Cliffs Pavillion, 8.00pm**

Tuesday 17-Sep-19: **Grimsby, Auditorium, 8.00pm**

Wednesday 18-Sep-19: **Hull, City Hall, 8.00pm**

Thursday 19-Sep-19: **Sheffield, City Hall, 8.00pm**

Saturday 21-Sep-19: **Dublin, Vicar Street, 8.30pm**

Sunday 22-Sep-19: **York, The Grand Opera House, 8.00pm**

Wednesday 25-Sep-19: **Oxford, New Theatre, 8.00pm**

Thursday 26-Sep-19: **Basingstoke, The Anvil, 8.00pm**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sep-19: **Leicester, De Montford Hall, 8.00pm**

Saturday 28-Sep-19: **Cardiff, St David's Hall, 8.00pm**

Sunday 29-Sep-19: **Northampton, Derngate Theatre, 8.00pm**

Wednesday 2-Oct-19: **Scarborough, Grand Halls, 8.00pm**

Thursday 3-Oct-19: **Middlesbrough Town Hall, 8.00pm**

Sunday 6-Oct-19: **Darlington, Hippodrome, 8.00pm**

Thursday 10-Oct-19: **Guildford, G Live, 8.00pm**

Friday 11-Oct-19: **Nottingham, Theatre Royal, 8.00pm**

Saturday 12-Oct-19: **Worthing, Assembly Hall, 8.00pm**

Sunday 13-Oct-19: **Brighton Theatre Royal, 8.00pm**

Sunday 20-Oct-19: **Milton Keynes Theatre, 8.00pm**

Thursday 24-Oct-19: **Leeds, Playhouse, 8.00pm**

Saturday 26-Oct-19: **Blackburn, Windsor Hall, 8.00pm**

Sunday 27-Oct-19: **Newcastle, Theatre Royal, 8.00pm**

Tuesday 29-Oct-19: **Wolverhampton, Aldersley, 8.00pm**

Wednesday 30-Oct-19: **Winchester, Theatre Royal, 8.00pm**

Thursday 31-Oct-19: **Crewe, Lyceum Theatre, 8.00pm**

Saturday 2-Nov-19: **Doncaster, Cast, 8.00pm**

Sunday 3-Nov-19: **Manchester, The Opera House, 8.00pm**

Tuesday 5-Nov-19: **Cambridge Corn Exchange, 8.00pm**

Friday 8-Nov-19: **Birmingham, Symphony Hall, 8.00pm**

Tuesday 12-Nov-19: **Edinburgh, Festival Theatre, 8.00pm**

Thursday 14-Nov-19: **Motherwell, Concert Hall & Theatre, 8.00pm**

Friday 15-Nov-19: **Aberdeen, Music Hall, 8.00pm**

Sunday 17-Nov-19: **Watford, Colosseum, 8.00pm**

Tuesday 19-Nov-19: **Warwick Arts Centre, 8.00pm**

Thursday 21-Nov-19: **Dudley Town Hall, 8.00pm**

Saturday 23-Nov-19: **Belfast, Ulster Hall, 8.00pm**

Wednesday 27-Nov-19: **Torquay, The Princess Theatre, 8.00pm**

Thursday 28-Nov-19: **Bristol, Hippodrome, 8.00pm**

Friday 29-Nov-19: **Portsmouth, Guildhall, 8.00pm**

Sunday 01-Dec-19: **Cheltenham, Town Hall, 8.00pm**

Tuesday 03-Dec-19: **Swansea, Grand Theatre, 8.00pm**

Thursday 05-Dec-19: **Dartford, Orchard Theatre, 8.00pm**

Wednesday 11-Dec-19: **Jersey, Opera House, 8.00pm**

**Showbiz runs from 13<sup>th</sup> September – 11<sup>th</sup> December**

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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.

