



## GREG DAVIES AND ALEX HORNE ANNOUNCE THE CONTESTANTS FOR SERIES 2 OF TASKMASTER

JON RICHARDSON, RICHARD OSMAN, JOE WILKINSON, KATHERINE RYAN AND DOC BROWN WILL COMPETE FOR VICTORY

It was announced today that JON RICHARDSON, RICHARD OSMAN, JOE WILKINSON, KATHERINE RYAN and DOC BROWN will compete against each other for the ultimate accolade of being crowned Taskmaster in series 2 of the hit show starring GREG DAVIES 2014 and Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee ALEX HORNE, who also devised the show for UKTV's entertainment channel Dave.

As the Taskmaster, GREG DAVIES will set a series of stupefying tasks to this brand-new group of comedians with ALEX HORNE assisting as his right-hand-man, coaxing the hopeful champions to show their creativity, conniving and competitiveness. Once again, rivalry will be encouraged, dodgy tactics rewarded and pitiful attempts scoffed at in the most dogged, hard-fought and ridiculous comedy show on TV. Taskmaster started out as a critically acclaimed live show, which ran at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2010 and 2011. Series one saw ROISIN CONATY, TIM KEY, ROMESH RANGANATHAN, FRANK SKINNER and JOSH WIDDICOMBE compete for victory, with JOSH resorting to getting GREG's name tattooed on his foot to secure his place as series victor.

An Avalon Television production, series 2 of Taskmaster was commissioned by HILARY ROSEN, Deputy Director of Commissioning at UKTV and ordered by RICHARD WATSHAM, Director of Commissioning and Dave General Manager, STEVE NORTH. Executive Producers for the series are ALEX HORNE, RICHARD ALLEN-TURNER, ROB ASLETT, JAMES TAYLOR, JON THODAY, and ANDY DEVONSHIRE (The Apprentice and The Great British Bake Off), who also acts as series director, and HILARY ROSEN for UKTV. ANDY CARTWRIGHT is series producer. In 2015 it was announced that UKTV had commissioned a second and third series of Taskmaster, which was nominated for *Best Entertainment Programme* at the 2016 Broadcast Awards and was 2015's most watched commission on UKTV's VOD service, UKTV Play.

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Dave currently attracts over 27 million viewers a month. Series 2 of Taskmaster is due to air on the channel in June 2016. Sky channel 111, Virgin TV channel 128, Freeview 12 [www.joindave.co.uk](http://www.joindave.co.uk) / @joindave

### PRAISE FOR TASKMASTER

*"Caitlin Moran once wrote that the comedy panel game is one of the glories of British TV. A new one shone bright last night" \*\*\*\*\* The Times*

*Wildly stupid fun...a winner The Guardian*

*A bountiful source of laughs Radio Times*

*Hilarious viewing Daily Mirror*

*You haven't lived until you've seen some of the nation's finest comedians trying to cram as much watermelon in their mouths as possible \*\*\*\*\* Mail on Sunday*