



ESTHER RANTZEN: THAT'S LIFE UK TOUR ANNOUNCED

To celebrate her fiftieth year in broadcasting, award-winning broadcasting legend, philanthropist and campaigner, **Dame Esther Rantzen** announces her debut live UK tour which will see her and her daughter, the presenter and journalist **Rebecca Wilcox**, play to venues across the country in 2018, culminating in a one-off date at London's Leicester Square Theatre, with *That's Life*.

During the 13-date nationwide tour, between 21st January and 4th November, Esther and Rebecca will take a look back at their illustrious careers as well as offering up a candid insight into their family and personal life. With Rebecca asking the all-important impertinent questions, the tour gives fans a rare opportunity to get up close and personal with one of the country's national treasures as she shares a range of moving and funny anecdotes, insight into life behind the TV cameras as well as revealing some outrageous stories from her 50 years in broadcasting, including references to the lighter hearted side of *That's Life* – performing pet dogs and not forgetting those unusually-shaped vegetables!

Esther is best known for her 21-year stint on iconic and acclaimed TV series *That's Life* (BBC1), where she was the longest-serving presenter, hosting the magazine show between 1973 and 1994. More recently, her varied and acclaimed broadcasting career includes appearances on some of the UK's biggest TV shows from *Who Do You Think You Are?*, *Piers Morgan's Life Stories*, *I'm a Celebrity*, *Get Me Out of Here!* and *Strictly Come Dancing* to BBC1 consumer series *Old Dogs*, *Grumpy Old Women*, *New Tricks* and *Would Like To Meet*. Esther's tireless campaigning and charity work is legendary and has transformed countless lives - in 1986 she founded *ChildLine*, the first national helpline for children in danger or distress and in 2013 she set up the charity *The Silver Line* to help combat isolation and loneliness in older people. Esther's extensive charitable work and remarkable career has been recognised with a number of accolades including an OBE for services to broadcasting, a CBE for services to children and a DBE for services both to children and older people.

Rebecca Wilcox began her television career as an investigative undercover reporter on *Conning The Conmen* (BBC3). She is a regular reporter on *Watchdog* (BBC1) and a well-known consumer journalist who presented shows such as *Your Money Their Tricks* (BBC1) with **Sian Williams** and **Nicky Campbell**. Rebecca has co-presented the undercover restaurant expose series *Dishing The Dirt* (ITV) with chef **Phil Vickery**. Other TV appearances include *My Life As An Animal* (BBC3) with **Terry Nutkins**, the beauty segments on *How To Look Good Naked* (Channel 4), a biography on the British F1 superstar **Lewis Hamilton**: *Billion Dollar Man* (BBC Three and BBC One) and the consumer expert for *This Morning* (ITV).

Full list of dates at: www.dameestherrantzen.com

For more info, interview requests & press tickets, contact: Lucy Plosker at lplosker@avalon-entertainment.com/020 7598 7222.

Tickets are on general sale now.



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Avalon and ARG, the talent management arm has discovered and represents many artists which are household names, both in the UK, the USA, and around the world.

In 2017 Avalon was named the number one true independent television production company in the UK and has produced numerous ground-breaking television shows including: Emmy and Peabody award winner *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver* (HBO), multi-award winning and Emmy-nominated *Catastrophe* (Channel 4/Amazon Prime), RTS and Rose d'Or winning *Not Going Out* (the BBC's longest running sitcom currently on air), multi-BAFTA award winning *TV Burp* (ITV1), *Russell Howard's Good News* (BBC2), *Fantasy Football League* (BBC/ITV) and *Workaholics* (Comedy Central USA).

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