DAVE GETS POLITICAL WITH UNSPUN, A NEW WEEKLY SHOW WITH HOST MATT FORDE

A host who watches Prime Minister's Questions like it's Match of the Day, MATT FORDE, the most exciting voice in political comedy, brings Unspun to Dave from Wednesday September 14th. Recorded the day before it airs, Unspun with Matt Forde is a brand new show that features up-to-the minute reactions to the chaos gripping the British political system, interviews with leading politicians and political figures and special reports from guest comedians including ANDY ZALTZMAN, SIMON EVANS, AL GREEN, AYESHA HAZARIKA and FRANCESCO DE CARLO. MATT will also be joined each week by his house band, MP4, the world's only parliamentary rock group whose members are all serving, or former politicians.

In a time where comedy feels like the only way to make sense of our bizarre political landscape, MATT will expertly dismantle political nonsense and celebrate the best and worst coming out of Westminster.

Unspun With Matt Forde starts at 10pm on Wednesday September 14th, 6 x 60 minute episodes

A former advisor to the Labour Party, MATT FORDE has been acknowledged as the UK's leading political comic. MATT has appeared on The Royal Variety Performance (ITV) Have I Got News For You (BBC One), Mock The Week (BBC Two), Rory Bremner's Coalition Report and Rory Bremner's Election Report (BBC Two), 8 out of 10 Cats (Channel 4), Question Time, This Week (both BBC One), Newsnight and Daily Politics (both BBC Two). He hosts a weekly show on talkSPORT with fellow comic Jon Richardson.

MATT FORDE's London show, The Political Party, has been a sell-out during its monthly residency at Westminster's St James Theatre. MATT has brought Parliament to life with his stand-up and debate with some of the Government's most notorious figures, including TONY BLAIR, ALASTAIR CAMPBELL, MICHAEL PORTILLO, NIGEL FARAGE, NEIL KINNOCK, JACOB REES-MOGG JOHN PRESCOTT, JACK STRAW, DAME TESSA JOWELL, GEORGE GALLOWAY, JIM MURPHY and CHARLES CLARKE. The show is also released as a podcast which has been downloaded over 500,000 times, hit the top spot of the iTunes comedy chart, was picked as the Daily Telegraph's podcast of the week, picked as the Times podcast of the week and was nominated for the Internet Award in the 2015 Chortle Awards. Previous podcasts are available to download here: http://apple.co/1TSmgHZ

MATT performed his brand new stand up show It's My Political Party (and I'll Cry if I Want to) to critical acclaim at the 2016 Edinburgh Festival Fringe and sold out his entire month-long run for the third consecutive year.

MP4 are: Kevin Brennan MP (guitar and vocals), former MP Ian Cawsey (bass guitar and vocals), The Rt Hon Sir Greg Knight MP (drums and percussion) and Pete Wishart MP (keyboards and vocals).

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Notes to Editors

An Avalon Television production, Unspun with Matt Forde is commissioned by RICHARD WATSHAM, Director of Commissioning at UKTV and ordered by Dave General Manager, STEVE NORTH. Executive Producers for the series are JON THODAY and RICHARD ALLEN-TURNER. The show's series producer is ROBYN O'BRIEN, director is PETER ORTON and producer is DAN ATKINSON.

Avalon Television

Avalon Television is a completely independently owned production house operating out of New York, Los Angeles and London. Avalon Television are currently in production with: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO),Not Going Out (BBC One), Catastrophe (Channel 4), Russell Howard's Stand Up Central (Comedy Central UK), Russell Howard's Travelogue (w/t Comedy Central UK), Man Down (Channel 4), Adam DeVine's House Party (Comedy Central USA), Unspun With Matt Forde (Dave) and Workaholics (Comedy Central USA).