



FRANK SKINNER ANNOUNCES NEW RESCHEDULED DATES FOR SHOWBIZ TOUR EXTENSION

What the press said about Showbiz...

*"A beautifully confessional new show. His material continues to improve and this is possibly his BEST SHOW
YET"*

Stephen Armstrong, Sunday Times

"Real stand-up, real lightness of touch, real joy..."

The Times, Dominic Maxwell

"King of stand-up"

Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard

'Doing what he does best...the gags just keep on coming. Stand-up's coming home'

Mark Wareham, Mail on Sunday

At the start of 2020, **Frank Skinner** had been entertaining audiences at his completely sold out five-week run of *Showbiz* at the West End's Garrick Theatre and was set to take his critically acclaimed show back on the road nationwide. But due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, his rescheduled January and February 2021 dates are now being moved to June and July 2021, kicking off on 3rd June at Leicester's De Montfort Theatre, with two performances in his hometown Birmingham at The Alexandra Theatre on 22nd and 23rd July and ending on 25th July at The Liverpool Empire. A full list of Frank's rescheduled dates can be found at www.frankskinnerlive.com

Frank said, *"I haven't heard any proper applause since they stopped the NHS Thursdays. I'm desperate. Roll on June 3rd."*

In 2019, Frank sold out a 45-date national tour with *Showbiz*, as well as sold-out runs at London's Leicester Square Theatre and the Edinburgh Fringe. In April of this year, Frank launched the critically acclaimed *Frank Skinner's Poetry Podcast* with a second series starting in October, as well as releasing a book in the autumn entitled *How to Enjoy Poetry*. He also starred in Sky Arts critically acclaimed series *Boswell & Johnson's Scottish Road Trip* following the journey undertaken by the two literary greats.

Showbiz runs from 3rd June – 25th July 2021. Tickets are available through www.frankskinnerlive.com
For more information and interview requests, please contact Lucy Plosker on lplosker@avalonuk.com



More of what the press said about Showbiz...

"Skinner is warm, impeccable company and his way with a punchline is still masterful...there are numerous brilliant moments...an evening in Skinner's company is still a delight."

Paul Fleckney, The Guardian

"Skinner is a comic at ease with himself and his career, and Showbiz proves to be a masterclass in owning the room."

Veronica Lee, The i

"sharp punchlines...a witty, entertaining raconteur"

Steve Bennett, Chortle

He's clearly lost none of his mojo

Sharon Lougher

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.