RADIO 4 COMMISSION FOURTH SERIES OF RICHARD HERRING'S HIT FAMILY COMEDY-DRAMA, RELATIVITY, STARRING ALISON STEADMAN AND PHIL DAVIS

"Warning: a crying baby dominates the first minute. This is bold… this show's punchy script confidently uses it to heighten the laughter that soon follows."
Gillian Reynolds, The Sunday Times

"the keenly observed semi-autobiographical comedy… creator Richard Herring's voice is instantly recognisable."
Ali Catterall, The Guardian

London, 17 March 2021 – It was announced today that Richard Herring's critically acclaimed family comedy-drama, *Relativity*, has been recommissioned for a fourth 6 x 30 min series by BBC Radio 4.

Drawing on his own family, the warm, lively characters and sharply observed family dynamics portray an affectionate observation of inter-generational misunderstanding, sibling sparring and the ties that bind will resonate with anyone who has ever tried to show their dad which remote turns the television on. With a cast including Alison Steadman, Phil Davis, Richard Herring and Emily Berrington, the comedy also broaches some more serious highs and lows of family life.

Richard Herring said: *"I am very excited to revisit the Snell family and to find out how they resolve the mess I left them in at the end of the last series. Thanks so much to Radio 4 for having us back. Buttered Weetabix all round."*

Jon Thoday, Executive Producer for Avalon, added: *"We are delighted that this show from one of the UK's funniest writers is returning to Radio 4."*

Written by Richard Herring, *Relativity* is an Avalon production for Radio 4. The commissioning editor at the BBC is Sioned Wiliam. Executive Producers are Jon Thoday and Richard Allen-Turner for Avalon. Series three was produced by Polly Thomas with Sound Design by Eloise Whitmore.

Relativity is set to return in 2022.

More praise for Relativity

★★★★
Mark Cook, The Mail on Sunday

"well-observed … acute observations about sleep deprivation"
Stephanie Billen, The Observer

"witty and loving portrait of family life"
The i

"the BBC's finest sitcom of late… Relativity is a real high point in the family sitcom genre"
Bleeding Cool

"witty and loving portrait of multi-generational family life"
Daily Express

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Relativity series three cast:
Margaret…….Alison Steadman
Ken……..Phil Davis
Jane…….Fenella Woolgar
Ian……Richard Herring
Chloe……..Emily Berrington
Pete……..Gordon Kennedy
Holly……..Tia Bannon
Mark……Fred Haig
Nick……..Harrison Knights

About Avalon:
Avalon is a multi-award-winning talent management, television production and live promotion group with offices in London, Los Angeles and New York.

Avalon, Artist Rights Group (ARG) and The Agency represent a prolific roster of artists including comedians, actors, presenters, writers and directors. Avalon's numerous ground-breaking returning television shows currently in production include: *Not Going Out* (BBC), the UK's longest running sitcom on air; *Taskmaster* (Channel 4), the BAFTA-winning hit entertainment format showing in 100 countries; multi Emmy-winner, *Last Week Tonight* with John Oliver (HBO); *The Russell Howard Hour* (Sky), the network's most successful entertainment show launch since 2010; *Starstruck*, a new sitcom from the 2018 Edinburgh Comedy Award winner Rose Matafeo (HBO Max/BBC); *Everything's Gonna Be Okay*, from creator Josh Thomas (Freeform); *Breeders*, a sitcom starring Martin Freeman and Daisy Haggard (FX/Sky); a new series of the iconic British satirical puppet show, *Spitting Image* (BritBox UK); and multiple comedy specials for Amazon Prime Video, HBO Max and Netflix.

Other landmark Avalon shows include BAFTA winning and multi Emmy nominated *Catastrophe* (Amazon Prime Video/Channel 4), *Fantasy Football League* (BBC/ITV), multi BAFTA-winning *TV Burp* (ITV), and *Workaholics* (Comedy Central USA). Avalon also distributes its catalogue of programmes to over 150 countries worldwide. Avalon has produced many globally successful podcasts and is at the top of the UK iTunes chart with the multi-award-winning *Shagged. Married. Annoyed* by Chris and Rosie Ramsey.

As a leading promoter of live comedy, Avalon produced *Newman and Baddiel: Live at Wembley*, the UK's first arena comedy show; *Jerry Springer: The Opera*, the first West End show to win all four UK 'Best New Musical' awards; and has continued to produce and promote live shows globally, as well as promoting more winners and nominees of the prestigious Edinburgh Comedy Award than any other company.

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