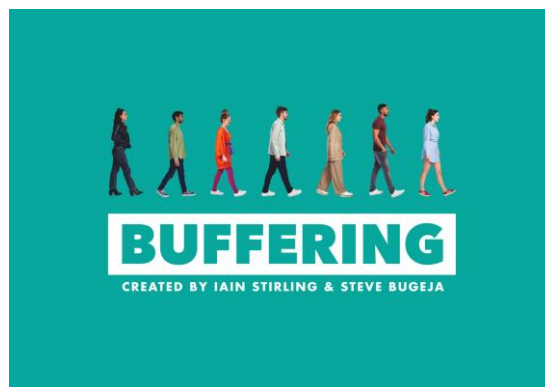


IAIN STIRLING AND STEVE BUGEJA'S SITCOM 'BUFFERING' PREMIERES ON 5TH AUGUST ON ITV2 AT 10PM



"As the voiceover of a generation he's [Stirling] become a national sensation"
The Evening Standard

"Bugeja has an eye for original comic detail that's all his own"
The Guardian

21st July 2021 - The brand new 6-part sitcom *Buffering*, created, written by and starring BAFTA-winning comedian **Iain Stirling** (*Love Island, CelebAbility, Taskmaster*), with co-creator and writer BBC New Comedy Award winning **Steve Bugeja** (*The Russell Howard Hour, CelebAbility, Economics with Subtitles*), is set to air with a double episode on ITV2 at **10pm** on **Thursday 5th August**, with the entire box set landing on **ITV Hub** immediately after.

Buffering follows Iain (**Iain Stirling**), a children's TV presenter with an aversion to kids and in an up and down relationship (mainly down) with TV producer Olivia (**Elena Saurel** - *Around the World in 80 Days, Killing Eve, Gold Digger*). Iain's housemates Rosie (**Jessie Cave** - *Harry Potter, Trollied, Black Mirror*), Greg (**Paul G Raymond**), Ashley (**Rosa Robson** - *The Offenders, Inside No. 9*) and Thalia (**Janine Harouni** - *Modern Horror Stories, Patrick Melrose, Stand-Up Sketch Show*) alongside Ashley's old flame Robbie (**Sean Sagar** - *Fate: The Winx Saga, The Gentleman, Our Girl*), are all navigating that age where they're too old for nightclubs but too poor for mortgages. Part of a generation who are told they must live the perfect life, these friends discover it's not only ok but healthy to fail, over and over again.

Special guest stars **Lolly Adefope** (*This Time With Alan Partridge, Shrill, Ghosts*), **Vicky Pattison** (*I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here, Celebrity Masterchef*), **Michael Spicer** (*The Room Next Door, The Late Late Show with James Corden*), **Joel Dommett** (*The Masked Singer, The Masked Dancer, Joel & Nish vs The World*), **Sam Womack** (*The Kingsman, Game On, The Girl On The Train*), **Alistair Green** (*Mandy, Flowers, Stath Lets Flats*), **Nigel Ng** (*Uncle Roger, Rice To Meet You*) and **Phil Fletcher** (*Hacker T Dog*) will feature.

Buffering is created and written by BAFTA winning **Iain Stirling** with BBC New Comedy Award winning **Steve Bugeja**, while the director is **Martin Stirling** (*Inside No. 9, The Mind of Herbert Clunkerdunk, Steen Raskopoulos's Horror: Scare BnB*) and producer is **Jane Bell** (*The Reluctant Landlord, Morgana Robinson's Dreamland, Beep*).

Buffering has been commissioned for ITV2 by Paul Mortimer, ITV's Head of Digital Channels and Acquisitions and Nana Hughes, ITV's Head of Scripted Comedy. The 6 x 30" series is a Comedy 50:50 production with Eleanor Tiernan and Christine Robertson co-writing some episodes. Produced by Avalon and Executive Produced by Richard Allen-Turner and Jon Thoday.

**Episodes 1-3 available to watch on [ITV Press Previews](#)
Images available from [ITV Pictures](#)**

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The full cast includes: **Iain Stirling, Jessie Cave, Elena Saurel, Janine Harouni, Paul G Raymond, Rosa Robson, Lolly Adefope, Vicky Pattison, Michael Spicer, Joel Dommett, Sam Womack, Nigel Ng, Phil Fletcher, Steve Bugeja, Alistair Green, Tom Stourton, Rachel Denning, Emily Lloyd-Saini, Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Amy Booth-Steel, Angela Yeoh, Brona C. Titley, Bruce Mackinnon, Daniel Barker, Ed Coleman, Ellie Goffe, Jade Ogugua, Jessica Alade, Lauren Douglin, Phoebe Sparrow and Tommy Finnegan.**

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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.

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