

IN RESPONSE TO SELLING OUT MULTIPLE SHOWS ON THE UK & IRELAND SPRING LEG OF WORLD TOUR, PHIL WANG ANNOUNCES MAJOR AUTUMN 2023 EXTENSION

20,000 NEW SEATS NEW STAND-UP SHOW 'WANG IN THERE, BABY!'

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"Stand-up dreamland" ★★★★★ The Guardian

"A unique and properly funny stand-up" ★★★★★ The Times

23rd February – Following releasing his first critically acclaimed Netflix stand-up special and book, plus subsequently touring in the USA and at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Montreal's Just For Laughs Comedy Festival and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, **Phil Wang** (*That's My Time with David Letterman*, *Late Night with Seth Meyers*, *Live At The Apollo*) announces a major Autumn 2023 extension for the UK & Ireland leg of his world tour, ahead of starting his Spring leg on the 23rd March with multiple dates already sold-out .

Phil will now explore race, family, nipples, and everything else that's been going on in his Philly little life over 62 shows at venues nationwide including headlining Glasgow's International Comedy Festival, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall and Dublin's Vicar Street through to 29th November 2023 and playing to a capacity of 58, 000+.

Tickets for the Autumn tour extension will be available from 10am tomorrow at philwang.co.uk

Phil was the first UK comedian to tape and release a Netflix Original stand-up comedy special during the pandemic with *Philly Philly Wang Wang* and the only non-US comedian spotlighted on *That's My Time With David Letterman* (Netflix), adding to countless show credits including *Late Night with Seth Meyers* (NBC), hosting *Live at the Apollo* (BBC2), *Have I Got News For You* (BBC1), *QI* (BBC2), *Would I Lie to You?* (BBC1), *8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown* (C4), *Roast Battle* (Comedy Central), *Drunk History* (Comedy Central), *The Great British Bake Off: Extra Slice* (C4) and series 7 of *Taskmaster* (DAVE). Previously, Phil recorded a fifteen-minute stand-up special for Netflix as part of *The Comedy Lineup*, one of only two non-US acts in the series. He also recently appeared in a recurring guest role in Amy Schumer's comedy-drama series *Life & Beth* (Hulu/ Disney+).

Phil's first book, *Sidesplitter*, was released last year to critical acclaim, featuring on The Times and Sunday Times' Books of the Year list. In this combined comic memoir and observational essay, he reflects on his experiences as a Eurasian man in the West and in the East.

Phil has also written and starred in his own Radio 4 special, *Wangsplaining* which won Best Scripted Comedy (Longform) at the 2020 BBC Audio Awards, and in two series of *Daphne Sounds Expensive* for Radio 4 with his Foster's Newcomer Award nominated sketch trio, Daphne. He has also fronted an original audio series on Audible called *Phil Wang Hates Horror*, co-hosts the hit podcast *BudPod*, and recently presented an episode of Radio 4's Archive Hour entitled *Disorienting*.

Phil has performed at international comedy festivals including Montreal's Just for Laughs Festival and the Melbourne International Comedy Festival (he is returning to MICF this year), plus the New Zealand Comedy Festival. His critically acclaimed live show, *Philly Philly Wang Wang*, broke records at the 2019 Edinburgh Fringe, selling out its entire run before the festival even began, and subsequently selling out a final extra show in the 750-seater Pleasance Grand. His ensuing national tour was extended due to phenomenal demand and included two shows at the London Palladium. Phil also recently completed his first ever US tour, performing to sell-out crowds across the country, including 2 sell-out shows in Los Angeles as part of the *Netflix is a Joke* festival. Due to phenomenal demand, Phil returned to play a sold-out show at New York's Gramercy Theatre in December last year.

For more information and press tickets, please contact: Victoria Wedderburn at vwedderburn@avalonuk.com / 07557160139 and Jasmine Ruparelia at JRuparelia@avalonuk.com

What the press have said about Phil Wang's new stand-up show so far:-

"at the top of his game...One of the fastest-rising international comics around... inspired work from a comic who just gets better and better" ★★★★★

Nikki B, Time Out

"my god, we're lucky to have him... Wang's world is so inherently charming you can't help but be sucked in"

Isobel Lewis, The Independent

"an irresistible set of smart and silly jokes...high-end offering...considers his and our lives from ever-surprising new angles" ★★★★★

Brian Logan, The Guardian

"vivid mental images and excellent punchlines...beautifully absurd...a comic who combines intelligence and insight with dumb jokes, and a healthy streak of self-deprecating humour" ★★★★★

Steve Bennett, Chortle

"His new show is sure to cement his reputation as one of the standup greats of his generation"

Rachel Aroesti, The Guardian

"Wang is a well-oiled joke machine" Polly Glynn, The i