

IAIN STIRLING ANNOUNCES BIGGEST UK & IRELAND TOUR TO DATE, RELEVANT SPRING 2024

"a show with a dark edge but delivered with utmost skill and affability...a treat" ★★★★★ Sharon Lougher, Metro

"As the voiceover of a generation he's become a national sensation" Samuel Fishwick, Evening Standard

"At his best the Edinburgh native is an unhinged free-form anecdotist" ★★★★★ Mark Wareham, Mail On Sunday

15th March 2023 – Following co-creating and starring in two series of his ITV sitcom *Buffering* and releasing an Amazon Prime stand-up special *Failing Upwards*, plus continuing as the iconic voice *Love Island*, Bafta-winning comedian **Iain Stirling** (*Taskmaster*) announces his biggest UK & Ireland tour to date for Spring 2024, *Relevant*.

In this brand-new hour, Iain is set to bring his intuitive razor-sharp humour to venues including London's Hackney Empire, Dublin's Vicar Street (two performances) and Glasgow's Kings Theatre over 29 shows from 20th March to the 28th April 2024.

Tickets go on general sale on Thursday 16th March at 10am with an exclusive fan pre-sale now for those for those signed up to the official mailing list at iaindoesjokes.com

Iain is known as the brilliantly funny voice of the hit reality show *Love Island* (ITV2), which wrapped its ninth series earlier this week. Following his success on *Love Island*, Iain appeared in series 8 of *Taskmaster* (Dave), released his first stand-up special *Failing Upwards* (Amazon Prime Video) and co-created and starred in his sitcom *Buffering* (ITV2), with the second series airing earlier this year. In 2022, Iain bought his signature comedy across the pond as the voice of *Love Island USA* (Peacock).

This adds to an extensive list of television credits including hosting ITV2's comedy entertainment show, *CelebAbility* (six series), *The Russell Howard Hour*, *Comedians Watching Football with Friends* (Sky), *The Jonathan Ross Show* (ITV1), *Saturday Kitchen* (BBC One) and *The Comedy Bus*, *Russell Howard's Stand Up Central*, *The Chris Ramsey Show*, *Drunk History* and *The Comedy Store* (Comedy Central). Iain co-wrote and hosted six series of the comedy panel show *The Dog Ate My Homework* (CBBC) which saw him win RTS Scotland's *On Screen Personality* and the Children's BAFTA *Best Presenter Award*.

Iain released his first book about millennials, *Not F*cking Ready To Adult*, through HarperCollins, along with a companion podcast of the same name.

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Other Things The Press Has Said About Iain Stirling

"An extremely funny hour of observational and surreal comedy"

Rupert Hawksley, The Telegraph

"Love Island is really funny, thanks in no small part to Scottish comedian Iain Stirling's voiceover"

Tim Jonze, The Guardian

"one of the most celebrated comedians of his generation...he's now going global"

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Emma Pryer, OK Magazine

"Love the Stirling work...Brilliant stand-up" ★★★★★

Ed Gleave, The Daily Star

"brilliant stand-up"

The Daily Mail

"Stirling is also establishing himself as the voice of the British millennial"

Hattie Crisell, The Times

What The Press Has Said About Iain Stirling's sitcom Buffering

"Iain Stirling and Steve Bugeja's sitcom is a rare bird, an ITV sitcom with funny jokes"

Helen Stewart, The Sunday Times

"a clear upgrade: the script is tighter, the jokes are funnier, the characters are given their own space to shine."

Isobel Lewis, The Independent

"It's a level of expertise that clearly shows... it is in the finest traditions of twentysomething sitcoms such as Friends... tear-jerking and heart-warming."

The Times

"It's Iain, he's hilarious, he's got a new show out... the headline of your character is brilliant, I watched it, I howled, I fell off the bed... it's very fast-moving... it reminds me of Modern Family"

Claudia Winkleman, BBC Radio 2

"We love Buffering...it's such a great, fun show and you get to go on these fabulous adventures...I love that Phil Fletcher features...a puppeting legend... do watch it... love the episode, by the way, where you go to the friends in the countryside, very funny. Brilliant"

Zoe Ball, BBC Radio 2

"Buffering does have the pacey feel of an American sitcom with storylines and jokes jostling for your attention... a strong ensemble cast... the plot is more ambitious than you might expect for ITV2...Bugeja was big on structure, Stirling wanted to get as many jokes in as possible. Judging by the first episode they have reached a successful compromise"

Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard

"A funny sitcom...a meditation on the myriad challenges of millennial life...zippy, gag-dense...features the sort of narrative threads you might expect to see in a gritty sitcom"

Rachel Aroesti, The Guardian

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Mark Wareham, The Mail on Sunday

"Guys, this is brilliant, I think you're brilliant, I loved this, I loved how fast-paced it was, I loved how it wasn't afraid to go for a punchline, there was some real big laugh out loud moments"

Patrick Kielty, BBC Radio 5 Live

"I absolutely loved it...within a few days I had binge-watched the whole series and found myself frantically googling to find out if there would be another...it even manages to balance funny moments with emotional ones, which isn't easy. I'd recommend giving it a go on ITV Hub"

Ed Gleave, Daily Star

"it's brilliant, really funny, brilliantly written"

Ed Gamble, Taskmaster Podcast

"I enjoyed it enormously"

Hugo Rifkind, Times Radio / The Times

"zippy...Buffering's flatsharers grapple with many of these existential generational anxieties, though not at the expense of quickfire gags"

Neil Batey, Drama Quarterly

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"Having seen the whole series in one go, I loved it, it's one that is definitely filthy, what I'm really impressed by, is Iain, with how you've obviously drawn to some extent your experience in children's TV into this in terms of source material"

Scott Bryan, BBC Radio 5 Live

*"a wonderful comedian...a national treasure... it's [Buffering] f***** great"*

Brett Goldstein, Films to Be Buried With Podcast

"Hilariously surreal experiences...Stirling set out to make a series abounding with punchlines. Yet Buffering doesn't shy away from the more difficult topics"

Caitlin Danaher, Royal Television Society

"Buffering was my number one choice [on show recommendations] all the way through series one...I really enjoyed it...it's a really, really fun show. An amazing cast...it's a genuinely emotional show"

Matthew Crosby, Radio X

"[Iain] certainly has a more thoughtful side, too. It's something that's demonstrated his new sitcom Buffering...The show is packed full of funny moments...(a particular highlight being the desperate lengths Iain's character will go to guest star on The Chase) but it doesn't shy away from the more serious ones, either."

Rowena Henley, Bustle

"Prepare to LOL"

The Sun