

EDINBURGH COMEDY AWARD NOMINEE PHIL ELLIS ANNOUNCES BIGGEST UK TOUR TO DATE WITH *'PHIL ELLIS'S EXCELLENT COMEDY SHOW'*

'Ellis's performance is touched by comic genius. Every moment he is on stage something funny, and then funnier, is happening.'

★★★★★ **Kate Copstick, The Scotsman**

'The density of gags is impressive... There's not many better exponents of this message-free, ego-free, knockabout comedy than Ellis in his prime. And this is that show.'

★★★★½ **Steve Bennett, Chortle**

'It's a surreal and unforgettable hour which firmly cements Phil Ellis as one of the funniest and finest comedians in the UK today.'

★★★★★ **James Macfarlane, Broadway Baby**

'A supremely well-crafted and thoughtfully paced performance...He is the master of his genre and truly a performer at the top of his game.'

★★★★★ **Geoff Evans, One4Review**

Do you like comedy? Do you like shows? What are your thoughts on excellence? If you like all three, then ***Phil Ellis's Excellent Comedy Show*** is the excellent comedy show for you. Nominated for the 2023 Edinburgh Comedy Award and winner of the 2023 *Malcolm Hardee Award for Comic Originality* **Phil Ellis** (*The Russell Howard Hour, Roast Battle, There She Goes*) announces ***Phil Ellis's Excellent Comedy Show*** UK tour, his biggest to date, kicking off on Thursday 22nd February in Cambridge and concluding with a second week-long run at London's Soho Theatre, Downstairs from 7-11th May.

In his funniest, most creative and cost-effective show to date, Phil (Edinburgh Comedy Award Panel Prize winner 2014) digs deeper than ever before to bring you a truly *Excellent Comedy Show*, delivering superbly crafted stand-up, show-stopping hit songs, and hilarious heart-warming revelations. One of the top 20 best reviewed shows of the 2023 Fringe, this is an hour of barnstorming stand-up and fun from the North West's most punctual working-class comedian.

Tickets are on sale now at www.philelliscomedy.com

Phil co-wrote and starred in three series of his own BBC Radio 4 sitcom *Phil Ellis is Trying*, alongside Johnny Vegas, Lolly Adefope, Amy Gledhill, Alexei Sayle, Sindhu Vee, Jack Dee, Lee Mack, Mark Lamarr and Sean Lock. The series was nominated for a BBC Audio Award in 2019. Phil's TV appearances include *The Russell Howard Hour* (Sky), *Roast Battle* (Comedy Central) *There She Goes* (BBC Two), *Drunk History: UK* (Comedy Central), as well as writing and performing credits on BBC Three's *The Tapeface Tapes* and co-writing 3 comedy shorts for Dave. Phil hosted BBC Radio 4's *Funny From The Fringe* podcast 2 years running. Since

2022, Phil has hosted his own hit daily Edinburgh Festival podcast *Fringe Binge*, interviewing top comedians and newcomers throughout the month.

After meeting incredible critical acclaim for his Edinburgh Panel Prize winning show, *Funz and Gamez*, it was broadcast as part of BBC Radio 4's *Fresh from the Fest* and *BBC Comedy Feeds* (BBC Three). The show went on to have an 18-show run at the Soho Theatre and all major UK comedy festivals. Phil's recent Edinburgh shows, *Au Revoir* (2019) played at the Soho Theatre and *Hedgehog* (2023) led Phil to embark on a successful first ever UK tour.

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FURTHER PRAISE FOR PHIL ELLIS

The Scotsman ★★★★★
The Mirror ★★★★★
The Telegraph ★★★★★
The Independent ★★★★★
Chortle ★★★★★1/2
The List ★★★★★
Beyond The Joke ★★★★★
The Times ★★★★★
Time Out ★★★★★
Comic's Comic ★★★★★1/2
One4Review ★★★★★
Entertainment Now ★★★★★