

ROSE MATAFEO MAKES HIGHLY ANTICIPATED RETURN TO STAND-UP, PERFORMING BRAND-NEW SHOW 'ON AND ON AND ON' AT THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE AND LONDON'S ARCOLA THEATRE

★★★★ The Financial Times, ★★★★ The Guardian, ★★★★★ Evening Standard, ★★★★ The I, ★★★★ The Daily Telegraph, ★★★★★ Heat Magazine, ★★★★★ TV Times Magazine, ★★★★ Daily Mail, ★★★★★ Mail on Sunday, ★★★★ The Times, ★★★★ Chortle, ★★★★★1/5 Metro, ★★★★★ TV Times Magazine, ★★★★ Daily Mail

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL BEST SHOW NOMINEE 2024

COMEDY AWARD WINNER, BEST SHOW 2018

Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Pleasance Forth, from 9th – 25th August (except 17th) at 17:30

London Arcola Theatre, from 30th September – 19th October at 7:30pm (and 7:15pm & 9:45pm Fridays and Saturdays)

"Matafeo is one of the most interesting and talented figures in comedy at the moment"
Sarah Carson, The I

Comedy Award winner, BAFTA & RTS Award nominee, Creator, writer, director and star of international hit romcom *Starstruck*, and host of Channel 4's upcoming brand-new *Junior Taskmaster* **Rose Matafeo** is making a highly anticipated return to stand-up and will perform her brand-new show *On And On And On* at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe at Pleasance Forth from 9th – 25th August, before taking the show for a three week run at London's Arcola Theatre from Monday 30th September to Saturday 19th October. Tickets can be found at [ArcolaTheatre.com](https://www.arcolatheatre.com).

Following a run at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival which saw the show receive a nomination for the Best Show award, *On And On And On* is a return to stand up where Matafeo explores all the regular stuff: love, loneliness, miscellaneous worries, her favourite fonts and death (order may vary).

Elsewhere, it has been revealed that Matafeo will star in and host the brand-new show *Junior Taskmaster* as the titular Junior Taskmaster herself later this year on Channel 4. Assuming the role of the mighty Junior Taskmaster to score the efforts and assign points to five plucky junior contestants as they complete a series of characteristically bizarre tasks that are designed to encourage and inspire wile, wit, creativity, and athleticism in the show that recognises genius at any age.

Renowned for her international hit romcom *Starstruck*, which she created, wrote, directed, and starred in, Matafeo's work consistently receives huge critical praise across the globe. *Starstruck* has been nominated for Best Comedy Programme at the Broadcast Awards 2022, and Best Comedy Series at the Edinburgh TV

Awards 2021, while Matafeo has received nominations from BAFTA 2022 for Female Performance in a Comedy Programme, RTS Award nomination for Female Comedy Performance, a National Comedy Award 2021 for Best Breakthrough Artist, and more recently has picked up a nomination for Best Comedy Performance at the Edinburgh TV Awards 2024. The show enjoyed three critically acclaimed series for BBC Three and HBO Max, and soon after launch in the UK it became the BBC's best performing new comedy of the year with over four million downloads on BBC iPlayer to date. The show was also pre-sold to over 100 territories including Australia (ABC) and New Zealand (TVNZ).

Matafeo is a regular face on TV having featured on *Have I Got News For You* (BBC One), *The Royal Variety Performance* (ITV) *W1A* (BBC One), *Unspun with Matt Forde* (Dave), *Jon Richardson's Ultimate Worrier* (Dave), *8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown* (Channel 4) *8 Out Of 10 Cats* (E4), *Hypothetical* (Dave), *There's Something About Movies* (Sky One), *Dave Gorman's Terms and Conditions Apply* (Dave), *House of Games* (BBC Two), *Big Zuus Big Eats* (Dave), *Would I Lie to You* (BBC One) and *The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice* (Channel 4), while was also a contestant on series nine of *Taskmaster* (Dave/Channel 4).

In the US, Rose has performed stand-up on *Conan* (TBS) and has appeared as a guest on *Late Night with Seth Meyers* (NBC), *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* (CBS), and *The Kelly Clarkson Show* (NBC), while she is set to star as the voice of Loto in the brand new feature film *Moana 2*. In New Zealand Rose was the lead writer and star of the sketch show *Funny Girls* (TV3), and a regular on panel show *7 Days* (Three Now NZ). 2020 saw her star to great acclaim in the feature *Baby, Done* (Piki Films). She also co-hosts the podcast *Boners of the Heart* with fellow comic **Alice Snedden**.

Matafeo's previous run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with the critically acclaimed show *Horndog* saw her win the Comedy Award (formerly the Perrier) for Best Show and was nominated for Best Show at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. The show went on to enjoy a sell-out run at London's Soho Theatre, and was recorded for a stand-up special for HBO Max.

WHAT THE PRESS HAVE SAID:

"Matafeo is endlessly watchable, her timing and delivery pure alchemy"

★★★★★ **Phoebe Luckhurst, Evening Standard**

"Matafeo's megawatt charm illuminates the show as her honest and humorous writing elevates it beyond the conventional genre framework"

★★★★★ **Dan Einav, The Financial Times**

"Consistently fizzy charm elevated by Matafeo's irrepressible energy"

Daniel Fienberg, The Hollywood Reporter

"deftly observed comedy of relationship insecurity... Matafeo's heroine is immensely likeable and powers the show"

★★★★★ **Gerrard Gilbert, The I**

"The first series has been streamed almost five million times on BBC iPlayer, making it BBC3's biggest comedy of last year and announcing the arrival of Matafeo as a star and a kind of millennial Nora Ephron, both here and in America,

where it streamed on HBO Max... It's also very funny... Starstruck is a hymn to love itself"
Alice Jones, The Times

"We're Starstruck by Rose Matafeo. The comedian, writer, and Starstruck creator is our new comedy obsession"
Sophie Goddard, Stylist

"The first two seasons of Starstruck are one of the most endearing, hilarious, and swoon-worthy seasons of TV we've ever seen... we're ride or die for this lovely series. Wherever Rose Matafeo goes, we will follow"
Meghan O'Keefe, Decider

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