

# THE HORNE SECTION FILM SPECIAL AT THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY

WITH THE FINAL CHANCE TO SEE THEIR HIT SHOW

*"Britain's funniest band"*

**The Guardian**

Unruly, ridiculous, and surprisingly satisfying, the six-headed comedy band **The Horne Section** have announced that they will film their latest show '*The Horne Section's Hit Show*' for a brand-new comedy special. Fronted by **Alex Horne** (creator and host of BAFTA and Rose D'Or winning *Taskmaster*) and his actually talented band, they will film at The Royal Shakespeare Society in Stratford-upon-Avon, tuning up their instruments they will perform two shows at 6pm and 9:30pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. This is the final time fans will have a chance to see the hit show.

**Tickets go on sale today, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May and can be found at [TheHorneSection.com](http://TheHorneSection.com)**

*The Horne Section's Hit Show* has enjoyed a huge 60+date tour across the UK and Ireland which was extended to meet overwhelming demand for tickets, and saw them perform at London's Palladium Theatre, Salford's Lowry, Birmingham's Symphony Hall and Dublin's Vicar Street among many other venues.

Performing still-soon-to-be top hits, the six-headed musical comedy band bring their trademark chaotically raucous musical stylings to an array of songs. Expect plentiful enthusiastic dancing, party games, and a lot of mucking about.

Having starred in two series of their critically-acclaimed sitcom *The Horne Section TV Show* on Channel 4 which was described as "*riotously fun... [and] an utter delight*" (The Guardian ★★★★★), and "*a first-class comedy*" (The Sunday Times Online), while their previous TV credits include being featured on Channel 4's *The Last Leg* including *Last Leg Christmas Special* and *Last Leg: The Last Leg of the Year*. They have featured in Dictionary Corner on *8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown* (Channel 4), *The Royal Variety Performance* (ITV), as well as the 2 hour special *The Horne Section Television Programme* on UKTV's Dave filmed at the London Palladium, while the band have hosted three series of *Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section* on BBC Radio 4.

The band's iTunes chart topping podcast *The Horne Section Podcast* is Shortlists' Best Comedy Podcast and is currently enjoying a sell-out run of shows at London's Leicester Square Theatre, while the band collaborated with **Romesh Ranganathan's** *Hip Hop Saved My Life* podcast in an exclusive podcast mashup with Acast and Comic Relief. Separately, members of The Horne Section have performed with recording artists including **Robbie Williams, Madness, Florence and the Machine, Amy Winehouse, George Ezra, Basement Jaxx, Disclosure** and **Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds**.

The Horne Section includes five outstanding musicians and one non-musical stand-up. They are: Alex Horne (band leader), **Joe Auckland** (trumpet and banjo), **Mark Brown** (saxophone and guitar), **Will Collier** (bass), **Ben Reynolds** (drums and percussion) and **Ed Sheldrake** (keyboards).

## WHAT THE PRESS HAVE SAID ABOUT THE HORNE SECTION:

*"Refreshingly funny and at times quite silly... a first-class comedy"*

**Tim Glanfield, The Sunday Times**

*"endlessly charming, offbeat humour... Horne's show sparkles "*

**Isobel Lewis, The Independent**

*"this riotously fun sitcom is an utter delight... The Horne Section TV Show is a lot of fun. It's a riotous, good-natured sitcom that sits somewhere between Flight of the Conchords and The Goodies"*

**Stuart Heritage, The Guardian**

*"Britain's funniest band"*

**Emma John, The Guardian**

*"a quietly charming watch... fans of the Horne Section and Taskmaster will find a lot to enjoy"*

**Rachael Healy, The I**

*"funny and delightful... this is a welcome escapist treat"*

**Boyd Hilton, Heat**

*"Horne's irresistible, intelligent, humour"*

**Julia Raeside, The Times**

*“endlessly charming, offbeat humour”*

**★★★★ Isobel Lewis, The Independent**

*“It’s a thoroughly endearing affair- Horne’s long-running band share an obvious personal and comic chemistry. Crucially, like the Flight of the Concords before them, their musical chops are comfortably up to the task of composing briskly amusing ditties in whatever genre takes their fancy”*

**Phil Harrison, The Guardian**

*“clever, chaotic sitcom... Alex and his band, who he’s played with for more than a decade, show off their musical talent and songwriting skills to great effect”*

**Stuart Pink, The Sun**

*“This is my favourite kind of comedy: a silly surreal sitcom. Fans of hit TV show Taskmaster will know Alex Horne as Greg Davies’s sidekick; theirs is one of TV’s great double acts, in the mould of Morecambe and Wise, Reeves and Mortimer, Patsy and Edina, and Trinny and Susannah”*

**Sarah Vine, Daily Mail**

*“ingenious and engagingly playful”*

**John Dugdale, The Sunday Times**

*“It all makes for barmy, yet wonderfully original TV”*

**Emma Pryer, The Daily Mirror**

*“hilarious sitcom”*

**Gerrard O’Donovan, The Daily Telegraph**

*“an understated delight”*

**Steve Bennett, Chortle**

*“and excellent new sitcom... The Horne Section TV Show is a clever blurring of fact and fiction”*

**Mike Ward, Daily Express**

*“funny sitcom”*

**Huw Fullerton, The Radio Times**

*“So clever, so daft”*

**Bruce Dessau, Beyond The Joke**

*“hilarity and havoc... brimming with in-jokes, meta gags, and silly comedy songs”*

**Sukaina Benzakour, The Sun Online**

*“Irreverent and sometimes surreal, the humour is self-aware and silly, with the lovable blend of comedy and catchy music that The Horne Section is known for”*

**Laura Vickers-Green, Den of Geek**

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