

AWARD-WINNING LINE-UP SET TO TAKE CENTRE STAGE AS THE ALTERNATIVE COMEDY EXPERIENCE RETURNS TO COMEDY CENTRAL



Featuring

Tony Law, Bridget Christie, Kevin Eldon, Isy Suttie plus many more

Talent available for interview

Comedy Central's critically acclaimed cult stand-up series, *The Alternative Comedy Experience*, is returning this July with 13 brand new episodes, featuring a host of fresh and established acts from the ever popular stand up circuit, curated once again by **Stewart Lee**.

The Alternative Comedy Experience takes an entirely original look at the celebrated, grass-roots stand-up scene, going both in front of and behind the curtain to see performances from some of the best cult comedy acts around, unlike any other live stand-up show on our screens.

The range of comedy talent appearing in the second series reflects an ever-changing scene, including a significant number of female comedians, making up almost half the bill, making it one of the most female friendly stand-up shows ever made. Returning for series two are favourites **Bridget Christie, Tony Law, Isy Suttie, David Kay, Simon Munnery, Maeve Higgins, Josie Long, David O Doherty, Paul Foot** and **Henning Wehn** and many others alongside new names such as **Kevin Eldon, Michael Legge, Helen Arney, Ginger & Black, Nish Kumar, Helen Keen, Liam Mullone, Grainne MaGuire, Susan Calman** and **John Hegley**.

Once again the acts are curated by the inimitable comedian **Stewart Lee** and **Comedy Central**. Together they have selected an array of diverse, interesting and innovative comedians to create a fast-moving, distinctive show, guaranteed to be unpredictable, original and hilarious in equal measure. A mix of award-winning acts share the stage alongside a buffet of breakthrough talent, some of whom are making their first ever appearance on a TV stand up show.

Filmed at Edinburgh's iconic **The Stand Comedy Club** in front of a live audience of paying punters, *The Alternative Comedy Experience* follows the same popular format as the original season, which sees short clips of each act stripped across the series.

Stewart Lee chats to the acts backstage to add context and uncover the inspiration behind their unique stand-up acts, interspersed with clips of their specially filmed live performances.

Stewart Lee, executive producer of the series said: *"I am delighted that Comedy Central have had the vision to bring back the connoisseurs' stand-up comedy show of choice."*

The Alternative Comedy Experience returns to **Comedy Central** in mid July, exclusively on **Comedy Central**.

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Notes to Editors:

- Talent available for interview
- Images and clips available
- Episodes available on Ready to Air
- DVDs available on request

Returning favourites from season one are:-

David O'Doherty, Paul Sinha, Isy Suttie, Simon Munnery, David Kay, Tony Law, Josie Long, Henning Wehn, Bridget Christie, Stephen Carlin, Andy Zaltzman, Maeve Higgins, Paul Foot, and Robin Ince

New acts to the series are:-

Kevin Eldon, Susan Calman, John Hegley, Fern Brady, Alan Parker, Kevin McAleer, Helen Arney, Nish Kumar, Grainne McGuire, Michael Legge, Hattie Hayridge, Paul Hamilton, Trevor Lock, Liam Mullone, Helen Keen, and Ginger & Black

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