



ANGER MANAGEMENT BREAKS RECORDS ON UK PREMIERE

London, Thursday 13th September, Comedy Central UK announces that *Anger Management* starring Charlie Sheen has broken previous Comedy Central ratings records for a new title on its UK debut; becoming the top ranking General Entertainment channel above Sky 1, ITV 2, BBC 3 and E4.

Anger Management premiered on Comedy Central on Wednesday 12th September averaging 344,000 individuals for the first episode while episode 2 of the double bill achieved 310,000

The *Anger Management* double bill episodes were up +169% on the slot average for 1634 Adults, making Comedy Central bigger than BBC One in Pay TV homes over the hour while versus Adults in Network homes, it was the top ranking GE channel, beating Sky 1, ITV2, BBC Three and E4.

Comedy Central UK has grown 82% since launch helped by Sheen's previous sitcom *Two and a Half Men* which now stars Ashton Kutcher. *Two and a Half Men* season 10 returns exclusively to Comedy Central just four days after US TX on Monday 1st October.

Chris Collie, Director of Programming, Comedy Central UK said:

"We're glad so many people joined us to laugh along with Charlie Sheen's latest adventure"

Anger Management kick starts Comedy Central's stellar autumn line-up which includes the second series of local commission, *Threesome* (Big Talk Productions), alongside the most talked about U.S. shows – *The Daily Show*, *South Park*, *The Office*, *Mike & Molly* and *Two and a Half Men*.

Anger Management is produced by Lionsgate Television in conjunction with Roth and Totino's Revolution Studios, Burg's Evolution Entertainment, Helford's Mohawk Productions, Inc. and Estevez Sheen Productions.

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Its feature film business has been fueled by such recent successes as the blockbuster first installment of *The Hunger Games* franchise, which has already grossed nearly \$700 million at the worldwide box office, *The Expendables*, *The Lincoln Lawyer*, *The Cabin in the Woods*, Tyler Perry's *Madea's Witness Protection* and *Margin Call*. With the January 2012 acquisition of Summit Entertainment, the Company has now added the blockbuster *Twilight Saga*, which has grossed more than \$2.5 billion at the worldwide box office, to its current slate, giving the Company the two premier young adult franchises in the world. Recent Summit hits include *Red*, *Letters to Juliet*, *Knowing*, the *Step Up* franchise and the Academy Award-winning Best Picture, *The Hurt Locker*.

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COMEDY CENTRAL UK

Comedy Central hit the UK in April 2009 and has grown 82% since launch.

Comedy Central shows *the* best entertainment from the UK and US - from *30 Rock*, *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart, *South Park*, *Two and a Half Men* and *Friends* to our first original scripted comedy *Threesome* which The Times called '**best new sitcom**' and Heat dubbed 'funny, original and totally believable. Series 2 will headline the 2012 autumn schedule.

The latest shows to join the Comedy Central line-up are Charlie Sheen's new show ***Anger Management***; new original commission *The Alternative Comedy Experience* curated by BAFTA award winner **Stewart Lee**.

At the MGEITF festival 2012 Comedy Central announced an 8 part series from Objective Productions *Big Bad World* starring **Blake Harrison** (*The Inbetweeners*).

Ashton Kutcher's debut in *Two and a Half Men* in September 2011 saw **1,135,000 viewers** tune in and Comedy Central UK trending on Twitter.

Comedy Central is home to the best names in stand-up – from our exclusive commission ***Comedy Central at the Comedy Store*** to DVD specials from Lee Evans, Alan Carr, and Dara O'Briain. We are also the Pay TV home of *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow* and *Live at the Apollo*.

Robin Ince and Josie Long headline the podcast series ***Utter Shambles*** which has generated over **4 million downloads** and attracted guests including Al Murray, Stewart Lee, Tim Minchin and Terry Jones. The latest series launched in summer 2012 with an Edinburgh

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