



## FRANK SKINNER'S CREDIT CRUNCH CABARET

It was announced today (23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009) that multi-award winning comedian, FRANK SKINNER, is to launch the Credit Crunch Cabaret, offering audiences the chance to see acclaimed comics, West End performers and music acts together on one bill – for only £10 a ticket. The special run was only made possible by all parties involved agreeing that they would work for a fraction of their usual rates to ensure an exceptionally low West End ticket price was on offer to a financially shaken London audience. FRANK will host the Monday night variety shows at The Lyric Theatre, for a strictly limited five-show run, from 9<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

This run would not have been possible without the support of NICA BURNS, Nimax Theatres, The Evening Standard, and the major acts who have already agreed to perform. Individual show billings are yet to be confirmed but acts already signed up include (in alphabetical order): CHRIS ADDISON, IAN BROUDIE (THE LIGHTNING SEEDS), HUGH CORNWELL (THE STRANGLERS), CONNIE FISHER, DAVE GORMAN, RICHARD HERRING, RUSSELL HOWARD, AL MURRAY, TARA PALMER-TOMKINSON, ISY SUTTIE and WE ARE KLANG. Evening Standard Priority tickets are now on sale, with the remainder on general release from 9am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

The last 18 months has seen FRANK: return to live stand-up a decade after his last major live show with a twice-extended, 100,000 ticket, complete sell-out tour – resuming the prolific stand-up career which, by 1997, saw him sell out two national tours and play a record-breaking 6,000-seater gig at Battersea Power Station; release a DVD (Universal Pictures) of his live show, filmed at his 2007 homecoming gig in front of an audience of 5,581 at one of three shows at the Birmingham National Indoor Arena; and write the *Richard and Judy Book Club Award* winning Frank Skinner On The Road, a follow-up to his best-selling autobiography. A Panorama special, exploring taste and decency on television, will air on BBC ONE on Monday 26th January.

Frank Skinner's Credit Crunch Cabaret is at The Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, every Monday from 9<sup>th</sup> February until 9<sup>th</sup> March. Box office: 0844 579 0089

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### About Frank Skinner live:

Behind the casual delivery this was one of the most tightly structured stand-up performances I have ever seen, full of back-references, mock spontaneity and subtle pacing... Not merely a comedy gig, a masterclass.

**Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard**

He prowls the NIA stage with as much spunk as any of the rock gods that play here, his new gold tooth glinting out from the three megascreens high above the stage... Skinner marshals his material brilliantly, interacting with the crowd or launching into set pieces as if it were all part of the same spontaneous thought process... One man and a mike becomes a vivid visual experience.

**Dominic Maxwell, The Times**

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Avalon Promotions Limited is best known for its presentation of live comedy. In the last 12 months alone Avalon Promotions Limited has promoted CHRIS ADDISON, JENNY ECLAIR, RICHARD HERRING, RUSSELL HOWARD, LEE MACK, AL MURRAY – THE PUB LANDLORD, FRANK SKINNER, Edinburgh and Beyond, and Grumpy Old Women Live on sell-out tours around the UK, with Grumpy Old Women Live also embarking on a hugely successful tour of Australia. To date, Avalon has promoted five *Perrier Award* winners, and presented 17 *Perrier Award* and *if.comedy Award* nominees.

Avalon also produced and promoted Jerry Springer – The Opera at the National Theatre, at the Cambridge Theatre in London's West End and on national tour. Among many others, Avalon Promotions has staged: HARRY HILL at the Palace and Dominion Theatres in London; Dave Gorman's Googlewhack Adventure at the Sydney Opera House, the Edinburgh Festival, on UK tour and at the Village Theatre, New York (nominated for *Drama Desk Award 2004*); AL MURRAY's West End runs of My Gaff My Rules, A Glass of White Wine For the Lady (twice nominated for the *Olivier Award for Best Entertainment*) and ...And Another Thing; Richard Herring's Christ on a Bike, ménage à un at the Arts Theatre London; Are You Dave Gorman? at the Westbeth Theatre, New York (nominated for *Drama Desk Award* and winner of *Time Out's Best Comedy 2001*); Baddiel & Skinner Unplanned at the Shaftesbury Theatre London; Frank Skinner Live at the London Palladium; and Grumpy Old Women Live at the Lyric Theatre. In 1993 Avalon Promotions presented NEWMAN & BADDIEL to a sold-out audience of 12,000 in the first comedy show ever to be staged at Wembley Arena. This was followed by FRANK SKINNER performing to a record-breaking audience of 6,000 at the Battersea Power Station.

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