



NOT GOING OUT SERIES 3 DVD RELEASED

The acclaimed third series of Not Going Out, the *Royal Television Society* and *Golden Rose* award-winning BBC ONE sitcom written by and starring LEE MACK, is to be released on DVD by Universal Pictures Playback. Packed full of the jokes, jibes and general misunderstandings of happy-go-lucky Lee (LEE MACK), his best mate Tim (fellow *BAFTA Award* winner TIM VINE) and the object of Lee's hapless affections, his landlady and Tim's sister Lucy (SALLY BRETTON, The Office, Green Wing) the DVD is out on 27th September 2010.

Following the series two finale, in which Lee successfully sabotaged Lucy's relationship with her then boyfriend Guy, we find a man still unburdened by ambition or drive, and with no significant plan to address his feelings for Lucy. However with pregnancies, insurance scams and lesbian neighbours muddying the water, not to mention having to deal with his well-meaning but utterly useless cleaner Barbara (MIRANDA HART, Miranda), Tim's ditzzy girlfriend (KATY WIX, Torchwood) and his long-lost dad (TOMMY BALL) it looks like he's got enough to keep his mind off the bigger picture...

The DVD contains all eight episodes of series three of Not Going Out which originally broadcast in 2009, as well as 'Bonus Extra: Not Going Out on Location', which takes a look behind the scenes of the primetime Friday sitcom. A brand new, much anticipated fourth series of Not Going Out will broadcast on BBC ONE this autumn.

LEE MACK is an acclaimed writer and performer, as well as the star of Not Going Out. Whilst becoming one of the UK's most established comedy acts – extending his 2010 national tour Going Out twice, totaling over 100 shows, selling in excess of 200,000 tickets and recorded for DVD release this Autumn – LEE's credits also include: a resident team captain on Would I Lie To You? (BBC ONE), guest host on Have I Got News For You (BBC ONE) and as a key writer and performer in the *BAFTA Award* winning The Sketch Show (ITV1), which ran for two series in the UK before LEE went on to work alongside KELSEY GRAMMER in an American version of the show. He has also written and starred in his *Sony Radio Award* nominated The Lee Mack Show (BBC Radio 2); hosted They Think It's All Over (BBC ONE); and headlined and hosted Live at the Apollo (BBC ONE). An award-winning stand-up, LEE'S 2007 tour was a sell-out, nominated for a *British Comedy Award*, recorded for release on DVD, sold over 150,000 copies and subsequently broadcast on Channel 4. A nominee for the prestigious *Perrier Award*, LEE has won a *Time Out Best Live Comedy Award* and in 2005, the Best Stand-Up award at the *Loaded LAFTAS*.

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Not Going Out, Series 3 (cert 15 – UK & Ireland), £19.99 RRP Avalon Television 2010

Length: 4hrs 20 mins, inc extras, Release date: 27th September 2010

Series 1-3 box set is also available from 27th September, £34.99 RRP

"Lee Mack's mouthy flat-share sitcom is just the sort of effortless entertainment that can revive sunken spirits."

Dominic Maxwell, The Times

"It's extremely well crafted, smart and warm."

Will Dean, The Guardian

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What the press has said about Not Going Out Series 3:

"Most sitcoms have done away with a studio audience but Not Going Out remains touchingly old fashioned. The jokes are lovingly crafted and nobody could accuse Lee Mack of not knowing how to deliver a zinger."

David Butcher, Radio Times

"The characters are as likeable as ever; the relationships are well-defined and many of the quickfire gags hit the spot. An extra bonus is Miranda Hart's performance as the cleaner who doesn't clean."

David Chater, The Times 'Playlist'

"King of the one-liners Lee Mack returns with the third series of his sitcom. There are some real zingers when it turns out Lucy is mysteriously pregnant..."

Graham Kibble-White, Daily Mirror 'We Love Telly'

"Among the assets that have contributed to its survival are Mack's likeability, Sally Bretton's first-rate acting and team-written scripts with more energy than the average British comedy."

John Dugdale, Sunday Times 'Culture'

"The humour is of the old-fashioned wisecracking kind, as opposed to the modern trend for gloomy realism and edginess."

Michael Deacon, The Daily Telegraph 'Television & Radio'

"Such is the set-up for this grudgingly funny episode of Not Going Out, which drags audiences kicking and screaming through a cacophony of canned laughter and David Blunkett gags into genuine comedy thanks to Lee Mack's unrelenting procession of spit-fire gags and Tim Vine's nicely timed quips."

Tamara Gausi, Time Out

"All the performances are good but watching Mack and Miranda Hart play off each other is beautiful. This is a programme you can really savour."

Lucy Mangan, The Guardian

"It is rude, crude, and obsessed with the north/south divide. Very funny."

Pete Clark, Evening Standard

"It's extremely well crafted, smart and warm."

Will Dean, The Guardian



EPISODE SYNOPSIS

EPISODE ONE - PREGNANT

By Lee Mack

When Lucy announces that she is pregnant, Lee wonders if the father might accidentally be him. He can't bring himself to tell Lucy how he thinks it might have happened but Tim guesses. He is outraged at the thought of his friend and his sister together but Lee has already started to warm to the idea of being a dad...

EPISODE TWO - WINNER

By Andrew Collins & Lee Mack

Lee is insufferably smug when he wins £1000 in a writing competition with an essay entitled 'Disability in the Workplace'. Lucy is moved to tears when she reads the essay and had no idea that Lee was so sensitive. Tim, however, is more sceptical and with good reason, because when a journalist turns up to interview the winner she is expecting to meet a disabled author.

EPISODE THREE - AMY

By Darin Henry & Lee Mack

Over-excited by the appearance of a lesbian couple in their building, Lee and Tim ask them over for dinner, little realising that their adolescent attempt to get their jollies will backfire when Lucy discovers a side to herself that she never knew existed.

EPISODE FOUR - PARTY

By Lee Mack and Daniel Peak

When Tim and Lee try to organise a surprise party for Lucy's 30th birthday their ideas of what makes a good party differ widely. Tim likes a few games of charades while Lee likes a do where there are no competitors for Lucy's attention. So when she turns up at the party arm-in-arm with another man Lee makes it his mission to get rid of him... without causing a scene, obviously.

EPISODE FIVE - NEIGHBOUR

By Simon Dean and Lee Mack

A new neighbour moves in upstairs and his constant noise drives Lucy to distraction. She begs Lee and Tim to get him to stop but neither is man enough. Tim takes the tag of wimp to heart and rushes off to join a boxing gym while Lee, in an attempt to impress Lucy, makes the mistake of confronting the man in his own flat, where he finds a creepy psychopath with the eyes of a cold killer.

EPISODE SIX - SPEECH

By Lee Mack

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Lucy is stressed. She has an important speech to make at a Recruitment Conference and nobody to help her write it. Lee sees an opportunity to impress her and offers his services but at the expense of Tim, who also thinks he's the best man for the job. What starts off as a small job now turns into a competition between Tim and Lee to not only see who can come up with the wittiest lines but also to establish which of them Lucy likes best.

EPISODE SEVEN - MARRIAGE

By Lee Mack

Lee is horrified when he hears that Lucy is considering marriage to Pavlov, a mechanic from the old Eastern bloc, just so that he can stay in the country. But he is a lone voice in trying to stop it, because one by one, as Lucy's family and friends hear Pavlov's tragic tales of life back home, they are persuaded that he is a perfect match for Lucy.

EPISODE EIGHT - ABSENT FATHER CHRISTMAS

By Daniel Peak and Lee Mack

Lee's father turns up at the flat unannounced. This is the man who walked out of the family home when Lee was four, never paid his maintenance and ate Lee's goldfish. Lee wants him out of the flat but Lucy tells him that the only way forward is to forgive and forget. Unfortunately, Lee's dad's behaviour makes this virtually impossible for Lee to achieve.



TIM VINE BIOGRAPHY

Returning for the fourth series of Not Going Out, TIM also recently sold-out his debut appearance at the Melbourne Comedy Festival, which led to a cameo role in Neighbours. Further TV credits include Countdown and resident comedian on Richard & Judy and Celebrity Fame Academy and The Royal Variety show. He has also played to sell-out audiences at the critically acclaimed Montreal 'Just For Laughs' Comedy Festival and won Celebrity Mastermind with his chosen subject Elvis Presley.

TIM has sold-out five Edinburgh Festival shows and four UK tours and in 2010 he embarked on a nationwide tour with his brand new show The Joke-amotive.

SALLY BRETTON BIOGRAPHY

A graduate of the Central School of Speech and Drama, audiences will know SALLY from her performances in some of the most successful comedy series of recent years including The Office (BBC TWO), Green Wing (CHANNEL 4) and Absolute Power (BBC TWO). Most recently SALLY has appeared in Lewis (ITV1) and My Family (Christmas Special for BBC ONE).

SALLY has also had notable success on stage. In 2002, SALLY was nominated in the Best Actress category at the Manchester Evening News Awards for her role as Honey in Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf. Most recently she has appeared as Goneril in King Lear and as Heloise in In Extremis at the Globe Theatre, London. Other stage credits include Arthur Miller's All My Sons at the Library Theatre, Manchester and A Conversation at the Manchester Royal Exchange.

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MIRANDA HART BIOGRAPHY

An acclaimed live performer and comedy actress, MIRANDA is best known for writing and starring in her own sitcom double *BAFTA Award* nominated MIRANDA, for which she won a *Royal Television Society Award* for best Comedy Performance. A regular on our screens, other recent credits include being nominated for a *British Comedy Award* in 2006 for her role in the sci-fi sitcom Hyperdrive, in addition to featuring Jack Dee's Lead Balloon, Ab Fab, Angelos, Nighty Night and Smack the Pony.

MIRANDA gained her reputation as one of our top, up and coming comedienne from her stand-up and sketch stage shows at the Edinburgh Festival over the last 10 years. They included Miranda Hart-Throbs! and Miranda Hart's House Party which ran at the Pleasance, Edinburgh and then at the Soho Theatre in London. Her role as a stand-up recently earned her a successful appearance on Have I Got News For You.

KATY WIX BIOGRAPHY

A supremely talented and versatile actress, KATY has been a regular performer on BBC One hit drama Torchwood and has also performed in many other successful television shows including Extras (BBC Two) and Time Trumpet (BBC Two). She was also a regular cast member in AL MURRAY'S sketch show Al Murray's Multiple Personality Disorder.

In addition, KATY has received a large amount of acclaim for her work with her comedy partner Anna Crilly, who together have had two sold out shows at Edinburgh and have appeared in both series of Comedy Shuffle (BBC Three) and Comedy Cuts (ITV1). They have also made their own radio pilot for BBC Radio 2.

KATY has recently appeared in hit BBC comedies Outnumbered and Miranda and will soon be appearing as one of the lead talent in BBC Three's The King is Dead alongside NICK MOHAMMED and SIMON BIRD.

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Avalon Television is one of the leading producers of award-winning comedy and light entertainment programmes in the UK. Founded in 1993, the independent production house supplies television programming to all the British terrestrial channels and the leading cable and satellite stations, in addition to content for radio broadcasters.

Recent television productions include: the quadruple-BAFTA and triple British Comedy Award-winning Harry Hill's TV Burp (ITV1); BBC THREE ratings hit Lee Nelson's Well Good Show; three series of the Royal Television Society and Rose D'Or award-winning primetime sitcom Not Going Out (BBC ONE), currently in production with its fourth series and set to return in the autumn; and BBC THREE's highest ever rating entertainment series, Russell Howard's Good News.

Avalon Television also produces radio, with recent projects including: 7 Day Sunday hosted by CHRIS ADDISON, joined by regulars SARAH MILLICAN and ANDY ZALTZMAN; Yes it's the Ashes, ANDY ZALTZMAN's topical look at the ashes series; the *Sony Award* nominated The Frank Skinner Show, which goes out on Saturday mornings on Absolute Radio;; and DAVE GORMAN's Sunday afternoon Absolute Radio show.

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