

RICHARD HERRING EMBARKS ON A UK TOUR WITH HIS BRAND NEW SHOW, HAPPY NOW?

After years of drifting aimlessly and alone, RICHARD HERRING is now settled down with a wife and a tiny baby. Is he finally Happy Now? Or does responsibility for the lives of others come with its own terrors? In his twelfth solo stand up show, RICHARD examines whether we can ever hope to be or are meant to be truly content. If we were never unhappy would happiness have any meaning? Why do our brains force us to envision the worst possible outcomes even on a day when everything seems fine? How likely is it that RICHARD's baby will be skewered by a stalactite of frozen urine falling from a plane and is it really worth him wasting his time thinking about it? Does being happy mean a comedian loses his edge and true belly laughs only come from depression? How much pressure was there on Happy the dwarf to live up to his name? Is there any system that will guarantee us eternal bliss or should we just embrace the fact that life is a vale of tears and our only option is to laugh in its face?

Happy Now? is RICHARD HERRING'S twelfth stand-up tour in twelve years. The show premiered in September 2015 when RICHARD completed the mammoth task of performing each of his previous eleven consecutive stand-up shows over eleven evenings, before debuting Happy Now? on the final night.

RICHARD will resume his Happy Now? UK tour on Wednesday 3rd February and from Thursday 11th February he will perform at London's Leicester Square Theatre over three consecutive nights. The tour will conclude with two performances at London's Bloomsbury Theatre on 3rd and 4th June.

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Herring is a superior comedian ... hilarious **The Guardian**
Stimulating and Exhilarating... Utterly Hilarious **Chortle *******
The best comedian of his generation **GQ**

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Richard Herring has enjoyed phenomenal success as a writer and performer and is an innovator in the world of podcasts. As well as touring *Happy Now?* in 2016, the show will also be released on DVD.

Richard Herring's Leicester Square Theatre Podcast sees him interview top comedians in front of a live audience and is then released online both as videos and podcasts for free. Previous guests include

Stephen Fry, Simon Pegg, Armando Iannucci, Russell Brand, Stephen Merchant, Steve Coogan, Tim Minchin, David Mitchell and Stewart Lee. The show regularly has up to 200,000 listeners per episode, won three Chortle Internet Comedy Awards and is the only non-BBC show to ever win a Sony Best Comedy Award. Richard's audio podcast and sketch show *As It Occurs To Me* won a Chortle Award and was Sony-nominated. *Richard Herring's Meaning of Life* was an independently produced web series performed in front of a live audience and broadcast via the internet for free.

He writes a weekly column for the Metro newspaper and has a script in development with Channel 4. Richard has appeared as a guest on shows including *Alan Davies' As Yet Untitled* (Dave), *Pointless – Celebrities* (BBC One), *Argumental* (Dave), *Set List* (Sky Atlantic), *Have I Got News For You* (BBC One) and *Never Mind the Buzzcocks* (BBC2). He also wrote and performed two series of *Richard Herring's Objective* for BBC Radio 4.

Richard has written and appeared in a number of critically acclaimed plays that have been performed at the Edinburgh Festival, including *Rasputin*, *Punk's Not Dead*, *Excavating Rita* and *It's Not the End of the World*. His one-man Edinburgh shows include the critically-acclaimed *What is Love Anyway?*, *We're All Going to Die*, *Christ on a Bike* and *Hitler Moustache*. Richard's blog Warming Up has gained a cult following since he started it in November 2002 and he has written an entry for every single day since it began, making it what is believed to be the second longest consecutive daily blog in the world.

As one half of the comedy duo Lee & Herring, Richard Herring wrote and performed in shows such as *Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World* (BBC Radio 4), *Fist of Fun* (BBC Radio 1/BBC Two) and *This Morning with Richard Not Judy* (BBC Two). Richard bought the rights to bring out both series of *Fist of Fun* on DVD with Stewart Lee via independent Welsh company www.gofasterstripe.com.

With Al Murray, Richard devised and wrote 37 episodes of the sitcom *Time Gentlemen Please* (Sky One/Paramount) for Al's alter ego The Pub Landlord. Richard also wrote and starred in the comedy drama *You Can Choose Your Friends* (ITV1).

FULL LIST OF DATES

DATE	VENUE	BOX OFFICE NUMBER
11-Feb-16	London, Leicester Square Theatre	0844 8733 433
12-Feb-16	London, Leicester Square Theatre	0844 8733 433
13-Feb-16	London, Leicester Square Theatre	08448733 433
17-Feb-16	Sheffield City Hall, Memorial Hall	0114 2789 789
18-Feb-16	Leeds City Varieties	0113 243 0808
19-Feb-16	Salford Quays, The Lowry	0843 208 6000
20-Feb-16	Liverpool, Epstein Theatre	0844 888 4411
03-Mar-16	Warwick Arts Centre	024 7652 4524
04-Mar-16	Oxford, The Glee Club	0871 472 0400
05-Mar-16	Northampton, Derngates	01604 624811
10-Mar-16	Croydon, Fairfield Halls	020 8688 9291
11-Mar-16	Exeter, Northcott Theatre	01392 493 493
12-Mar-16	Colchester Arts Centre	01206 500900
16-Mar-16	Edinburgh, The Stand	0131 558 7272
17-Mar-16	Glasgow Citizens Theatre	0141 429 0022
18-Mar-16	York Barbican	0844 854 2757
19-Mar-16	Norwich Playhouse	01603 598598
23-Mar-16	Chorley Little Theatre	01257 264362
24-Mar-16	Lincoln Performing Arts	01522 837600
25-Mar-16	Wolverhampton Civic	0870 320 7000
26-Mar-16	Reading South Street	0118 960 6060
30-Mar-16	Canterbury, Gulbenkian	01227 769075
31-Mar-16	Aldershot, West End Centre	01252 330040
01-Apr-16	Swindon Arts Centre	01793 524 481
02-Apr-16	Milton Keynes Stables	01908 280800
08-Apr-16	Shrewsbury, Theatre Severn	01743 281281
09-Apr-16	Stafford Gatehouse	01785 619080
10-Apr-16	Newcastle, The Stand	0191 300 9700
11-Apr-16	Hanley, The Glee Club	0871 472 0400
12-Apr-16	Cardiff St David's Hall (Studio)	029 2087 8500
14-Apr-16	Wycombe Swan Town Hall	01494 512 000
15-Apr-16	The Alban Arena, St Albans	01727 844488
16-Apr-16	Folkestone, Quarterhouse	01303 760750
21-Apr-16	Brighton Komedia	0845 293 8480
22-Apr-16	Bath Komedia	0845 293 8480
23-Apr-16	Crawley Hawth Studio	01293 553636
24-Apr-16	Nottingham, The Glee Club	0871 472 0400
28-Apr-16	Cheltenham Town Hall , Pillar Room	0844 576 2210
29-Apr-16	Sutton, The Secombe	020 3771 9055
30-Apr-16	Winchester Theatre Royal	01962 840440
03-Jun-15	London, Bloomsbury Theatre	020 3108 1000
04-Jun-15	London, Bloomsbury Theatre	020 3108 1000