



Press Release

Exceptional Evening of Live Standup Comedy with Alan Davies at Dubai Opera

An Unbeatable Supporting Line-up Featuring Rhys James, Tom Lucy, and host Jarred Christmas

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 11 April 2019 - Dubai Opera presents an exceptional evening of live standup comedy from the leading lights of the UK scene. Featuring award-winning Alan Davies alongside fast-risings stars featuring Rhys James, Tom Lucy and host Jarred Christmas on Friday 14 June 2019.

Alan Davies is best known as the much-lauded resident dunderhead on QI and charming but reticent crime solver on the hit BBC crime drama Jonathan Creek. Davies' virtuosic story-telling and whip-smart funny bones combine for classic stand-up from a master storyteller at the top of his game .

Joining Alan is an unbeatable supporting line-up featuring the wildly acclaimed Mock The Week favourite Rhys James, multi-award winning Comedy Central star Tom Lucy and the quick-witted masterful skills of 8 Out Of 10 Cats legend Jarred Christmas as host.

Alan started out as a stand-up comic in 1988, being named Time Out Best Young Comic in 1991. Shortly after, he took the role of Jonathan Creek, written by David Renwick, which won a BAFTA Award for Best Drama in 1997 and a National Television Award in 1998.

Following sell out tours, a West End season and a BBC1 stand-up special of his show Urban Trauma, Alan took part in a comedy pilot produced by John Lloyd and hosted by Stephen Fry. QI has run on the BBC since 2003.

Rhys James is a precociously talented young, up and coming comedian. Still in his early 20s, he has already appeared on a number of TV programmes including Mock The Week on BBC2, Sweat The Small Stuff on BBC3 and Seann Walsh's Late Night Comedy Spectacular on BBC3 while writing credits include Russell Howard's Good News, 8 Out of 10 Cats and Mock the Week. His show ~Rhys James Begins' was a total sell-out at the Edinburgh Fringe and the Soho Theatre. He appears again at The Soho Theatre this year with his new show "Wiseboy" and also has a new Radio 4 show "Rhys James is.. Privileged."

At just twenty-two years old, **Tom Lucy** is one of the youngest professional comedians on the circuit. Tom's first stand up gig was at the tender age of sixteen, and he now performs regularly for the UK's top clubs including The Glee Clubs, The Stand, Komedia, and The Comedy Store. Tom won the Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year Award (2016), and The Sun newspaper's Best New Comedian at the Fringe Award (2017).



Acclaimed comedian and host, **Jarred Christmas**, has a unique style that deftly mixes gags with storytelling. He has a dynamic onstage persona and the ability to improvise and roll with anything that's thrown his way, making his comedy sizzle with originality. He has also appeared on radio, film, television and stage.

Commenting on the new show, Dubai Opera's Chief Executive, Jasper Hope, said: "Alan Davies is not just quite interesting on tv, he is a comedy great as a live entertainer and I can't wait to hear his brilliant wit as he makes light of life in the intimate setting of Dubai Opera."

Tickets available at www.dubaiopera.com starting from AED150 with a special early-bird discount of 20% on VIP and Platinum seating categories until 25 April 2019.

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Note to Editors

About Dubai Opera:

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