

Impatient Productions in association with CKP and InterTalent Group presents Mark Watson: The Infinite Show



National tour starts on 7th December 2018

After spending last year being cluster-bombed with yoghurt on 'Taskmaster' and half-killed by Bear Grylls, multi award-winning **Mark Watson** returns with a **UK National Tour** doing what he's best at: being indoors.

Inspired by the basically shocking state of the world his children are growing up in, and a genuine, urgent desire to do something about it, Watson's new show is about empathy. 99 percent of the world's population is made up of other people: why can't we understand them? As scrawny and impassioned as ever, Mark tears into his topic with his notoriously high joke and rant-per-minute rate. And as the title suggests, in this show he takes his unusually collaborative approach one step further, aiming for an evening which will last longer in the mind than the hour the audience spend with him...

Mark is one of the country's most beloved and critically acclaimed live comedians, and has had a long and notable Fringe career since he was nominated for Best Newcomer at the 2005 **Perrier Awards**, before being awarded the 2006 **if.comedy Panel Prize** for performing one of his now-legendary marathon stand-up shows. Away from Edinburgh, he's taken home the **Time Out Critics Choice Award**, been nominated for a **Barry Award** from the Melbourne Comedy Festival, as well as winning **Best Show** at both Sydney and Adelaide.

Last year saw Mark write songs, hurl coconuts and beg piggy-backs as part of Dave's BAFTA-winning **Taskmaster**. In a less pleasant TV engagement, he lost almost three stone and faced a crippling lifelong phobia during a much talkedabout stint on **The Island with Bear Grylls (**C4). Mark has also regularly appeared on BBC 2's **Never Mind The Buzzcocks**, and **Mock the Week**, BBC 1's **Would I Lie To You** and **Have I Got News For You**. He has performed stand-up on BBC 1's **Live At The Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow** and Channel 4's **Comedy Gala** and was the star of Dave TV's **Road to Rio**, as well as the host of BBC 4's **We Need Answers**. He's won **Celebrity Mastermind** and **Celebrity Pointless** and he once dressed up as a badger for terrible Sky One show **Wild Things**.

As well as his TV and live work Mark has been a Radio 4 mainstay for a decade, with his various series Mark Watson Talks A Bit About Life, Mark Watson Makes The World Substantially Better and Mark Watson's Live Address To The Nation. For the past two years he's hosted the final of the BBC New Comedy Award – one of the only comedy shows on the network to go out live.

On top of his comedy stardom Mark has seven books under his belt. Since last Edinburgh, his graphic novel **Dan and Sam** has been optioned as a feature film by Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment and is now in development.

Gaby Jerrard PR

What the press have said about Mark Watson:	
'Unstoppably funny'	The Times
'Belly laugh brilliantthe audience was weeping with laughter'	Time Out
'Hugely entertaining, craftsmanlike, remarkable'	The Telegraph
'Mark Watson is a Prodigy'	The Guardian
'He sparkles with originality and verve'	Chortle
'Arrive early for the longest queue in Edinburgh'	The List
Tour Dates:	
Sunday 3 rd February Bristol: Old Vic Theatre <u>www.bristololdvic.org.uk</u> / 0117 987 7877	
Wednesday 6 th February Bromsgrove: Artrix <u>www.artrix.co.uk</u> / 01527 577330	
Thursday 7 th February Bromsgrove: Artrix <u>www.artrix.co.uk</u> / 01527 577330	
Friday 8 th February Uffculme: The Venue www.venueuffculme.com / 01884 842912	
Saturday 9 th February Wimborne: Tivoli Theatre www.tivoliwimborne.co.uk / 01202 885566	
Friday 15 th February Leicester: Little Theatre <u>www.thelittletheatre.net</u> / 0116 255 1302	
Sunday 17 th February Salford: The Lowry <u>www.thelowry.com</u> / 0843 208 6000	
Thursday 21 st February Tunbridge Wells: Trinity Theatre <u>www.trinitytheatre.net</u> / 01892 678678	
Friday 22 nd February Colchester: Arts Centre www.colchesterartscentre.com / 01206 500900	
Thursday 28 th February Pocklington: Arts Centre <u>www.pocklingtonartscentre.co.uk</u> / 01759 301547	
Friday 1 st March Leeds: City Varieties <u>www.cityvarieties.co.uk</u> / 0113 2430808	
Saturday 2 nd March Northallerton: The Forum www.forumnorthallerton.org.uk / 01609 776230	
Sunday 3 rd March Liverpool: Epstein Theatre www.epsteinliverpool.co.uk / 0844 888 4411	

Friday 8th MarchBerwick Upon Tweed: The Maltingswww.maltingsberwick.co.uk/ 01289 330 999

 Saturday 9th March
 Aberdeen: Lemon Tree

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https://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/ 01224 641122

Sunday 10th March Glasgow: The Stand www.thestand.co.uk / 0141 212 3389

Thursday 14th March Bath: Komedia www.komedia.co.uk/bath/ / 01225 489070

Friday 15th MarchWorcester: Huntingdon Hallwww.worcesterlive.co.uk/huntingdon-hall.asp/ 01905 611 427

Friday 26th April Tring: Court Theatre www.courttheatre.co.uk / 07543 560 478

Saturday 27th April Tring: Court Theatre www.courttheatre.co.uk / 07543 560 478

Thursday 2nd MayAldershot: West End Centrewww.westendcentre.co.uk// 01252 330040

Friday, 3rd May Machynlleth: Mach Arena www.machcomedyfest.co.uk

Sunday 5th May Birmingham: Old Rep Theatre www.oldreptheatre.co.uk/ / 0121 359 9444

Friday 10th May Hertford: Theatre www.hertfordtheatre.com / 01992 531500

Saturday 11th May Loughborough: Town Hall www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk / 01509 231914

Thursday 16th May Kendal: Brewery Arts Centre www.breweryarts.co.uk / 01539 725 133

Friday 17th May Stockton: ARC www.arconline.co.uk / 01642 525199

Saturday 18th May Sheffield: Leadmill www.leadmill.co.uk / 0114 2727 040

Thursday 23rd May Brighton: Komedia www.komedia.co.uk/brighton / 01273 647100

Friday 24th May Reading: Town Hall www.readingtownhall.co.uk / 0118 937 3400

Saturday 25th May Cambridge: Corn Exchange https://www.cambridgelivetrust.co.uk/cornex / 01223 357851

Sunday 26th May Wells: Cedars Hall www.wells.cathedral.school/events/ / 01749 834483

Thurs 30th May Salisbury Arts Centre (on sale 26th Feb) www.wiltshirecreative.co.uk/whats-on/salisbury-arts-centre / 01722 321744

Friday 31st May Swindon: Wyvern Theatre www.swindontheatres.co.uk/Online/ / 01793 524 481 Gaby Jerrard PR

https://mcmillantheatre.com/ / 01278 556677

Sunday 2nd June Coventry: Warwick Arts Centre www.warwickartscentre.co.uk/ / 024 7652 4524

Thursday 6th June Maidenhead: Norden Farm www.norden.farm/ / 01628 788997

Friday 7th June St Albans: Alban Arena www.alban-arena.co.uk/ / 01727 844488

Saturday 8th June Cardiff: Sherman Theatre www.shermantheatre.co.uk / 02920 646 900

Sunday 9th June Cardigan: Mwldan www.mwldan.co.uk / 01239 621200

Saturday 15th June Canterbury: Gulbenkian www.thegulbenkian.co.uk/ / 01227 769075

Sunday 16th June Southampton: Nuffield Theatre <u>www.nstheatres.co.uk</u> / 02380 671771

Friday 21st June Ivybridge: Watermark www.ivybridgewatermark.co.uk/ / 01752 892220

Saturday 22nd June Falmouth: Trebah Amphitheatre <u>www.trebahgarden.co.uk/whats-on</u> / 01326 252200

Sunday 23rd June Exeter: Corn Exchange www.exetercornexchange.co.uk/ / 01392 665938

Thursday 27th June New Milton: Forest Arts www.forest-arts.co.uk/ / 01425 619983

Friday 28th June Isle of Wight: Medina Theatre www.medinatheatre.co.uk/ / 01983 823884

Saturday 29th June Andover: Lights www.thelights.org.uk/ / 01264 368368

Sunday 4th July Southport: Atkinson www.theatkinson.co.uk / 01704 533 333

Friday 5th July Carlisle: Old Fire Station www.oldfirestation.carlisle.city/ / 01228 598596

Saturday 6th JulyWhitehaven: Rosehill Theatrewww.rosehilltheatre.co.uk01946 692422

Sunday 7th July Mold: Anthony Hopkins Theatre, Theatr Clwyd <u>www.theatrclwyd.com</u> / 01352 701521

Friday 19th July Crawley: The Hawth https://www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/The-Hawth / 01293 553 636

Friday 6th September Worthing: Connaught Theatre www.worthingtheatres.co.uk / 01903 206206 Gaby Jerrard PR

www.thebloomsbury.com/ / 020 3108 1000

Thursday 12th September Chorley: Little Theatre <u>www.chorleylittletheatre.com/chorleytheatre/</u> / 01257 264362

Friday 13th September Selby: Town Hall <u>www.selbytownhall.co.uk/</u> / 01757 708449

Saturday 14th September Barnard Castle: The Witham www.thewitham.org.uk/ / 01833 631 107

Friday 4th October Aberystwyth: Arts Centre www.aberystwythartscentre.co.uk / 01970 62 32 32

Saturday 5th October Builith Wells: Wyeside Arts Centre www.wyeside.co.uk / 01982 552 555

Sunday 6th October Winchester: Theatre Royal www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk/ / 01962 840 440

Friday 11th October Pontardawe: Arts Centre www.npttheatres.co.uk/pontardawe/ / 01792 863722

Saturday 12th October Taunton: The Brewhouse www.thebrewhouse.net / 01823 283244

Thursday 17th October Didcot: Cornerstone Arts Centre <u>www.cornerstone-arts.org</u> / 01235 515144

Friday 18th October Farnham: Maltings www.farnhammaltings.com/ / 01252 745444

Saturday 19th October Lincoln Drill Hall www.lincolndrillhall.com / 01522 873 894

Saturday 26th October Newcastle: The Stand www.thestand.co.uk / 0191 300 9700

Sunday 27th October Dumfries Theatre Royal www.theatreroyaldumfries.co.uk / 01387 254 209

Thursday 1st November Monmouth: Savoy Theatre <u>www,monmouth-savoy.co.uk</u> / 01600 772467

Sunday 3rd November Bristol: Old Vic www.bristololdvic.org.uk / 0117 987 7877

Saturday 9th November Yeovil: Octagon www.octagon-theatre.co.uk / 01935 422 884

Saturday 23rd November Barnsley Civic www.barnsleycivic.co.uk / 01226 327000

Sunday 24th November Shrewsbury: Theatre Severn www.theatresevern.co.uk / 01743 281281

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