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ED BYRNE – ROARING FORTIES

NATIONAL TOUR: February – May 2014

A self-confessed "miserable old git" since the age of 23, Ed Byrne is now in his Forties. While for others this might result in a crisis that prompts the purchase of a sports car, Ed embraces middle age with open arms. Come join him, as he truly comes of age and gives out his clarion cry: "I am in my Forties. HEAR ME ROAR!"

Following on from the successes of his last shows *Crowd Pleaser* and *Different Class*, brilliant Irish comedy star **Ed Byrne** returns to the road this spring for the second leg of his UK tour of his all new show *Roaring Forties*. However happily Ed slides into middle age, he isn't ready for the slippers and woolly jumper quite yet. Still as angry as he ever was, you wouldn't want to be on the receiving end of one of his withering rants. Family life (now a father of two) and everyday frustrations (seriously something, EVERY day) all come in for a pasting with hilarious results as Ed casts his curmudgeonly comic eye over his life.

This promises to be a rip roaring night you won't want to miss.

Ed has been very busy since he last was on tour. His many TV appearances over the last couple of years have included a recent foray into factual broadcasting and he has been seen presenting VT's for *BBC2's Volcano Live* and also driving through Siberia for *BBC2's World's Most Dangerous Roads*. He continues to be a regular panellist on BBC 2's *Mock the Week* and *Have I Got News for You* as well as various other new comedy shows including *Don't Sit in The Front Row* and *Alexander Armstrong's Big Ask*. A sucker for a quiz, particular recent highlights for Ed have been taking part in *Celebrity Family Fortunes* where his family won the jackpot, *Celebrity Mastermind* and being a contestant on *Celebrity Pointless*. Ed is also a regular contributor to comedy and music shows on *BBC Radio's 2, 4 and 6 Music*. Ed presents a comedy series for *BBC Radio 4 Extra* called *What's So Funny?* A mix of interview, review and conversation *What's So Funny?* is a definitive guide to the best available comedy on stage, TV, radio and the big screen. Ed continues to gig extensively abroad taking in New Zealand, Norway, Austria, Spain and Australia during 2012 and has plans for Norway, Iceland, Austria, France, and Switzerland already for 2013. Ed continues to be a keen outdoors enthusiast, escaping to the Highlands whenever he can to walk up mountains and has a regular column in TGO magazine. Ed has recently climbed Mt Blanc (Europes highest mountain) for the second time.

PRAISE FOR CROWD PLEASER

"Comedy's holy grail.... Go see!" ★★★★★ *The Sunday Times*

"Byrne is at the top of his game" ★★★★★ *The Sunday Telegraph*

"Byrne is a crowd pleaser in the best sense: original, distinctive and humorous" *The Guardian*

"Crowd Pleaser does precisely what is says on the tin" ★★★★★ *London Evening Standard*

"A show full of top –class observational humour....A great comedian making the simple sublime, Byrne gives his audience exactly what they want" ★★★★★ *Edinburgh Evening News*

"Superior stand up from the nerd next door" ★★★★★ *Glasgow Herald*

"It's joke making of the highest order" *The Arts Desk*

"Hilarious anecdotes!....I assure you Ed Byrne is one comedian you should DEFINITELY see" ★★★★★ *Edinburgh Festivals Magazine*

What the papers said about Different Class

"a masterful display of the comics art...This is a seamless and perfectly timed show that could stand proudly next to any Izzard, Bailey, Carr or Skinner stadium-filler." . ★★★★★ *Sunday Times*

"Jokes come so fast that hecklers don't have a chance to get a word in edgeways" ★★★★★ *The Times*

"It is rare for a comic to merit the word "masterful" but in this case it is no overstatement" ★★★★★ *The Scotsman*

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Please see below for tour dates

ED BYRNE SPRING TOUR 2014 DATES AND VENUES. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT: www.edbyrne.com

DATE	TOWN and VENUE	BOX OFFICE/WEBSITE
FEBRUARY		
Thurs 6 th	WARRINGTON, Parr Hall	01925 442345 / www.pyramidparrhall.com
Fri 7 th	BLACKPOOL, Grand Theatre	01253 290 190 / www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk
Sat 8 th	STOKE, Victoria Hall	0844 871 7649 / www.atgtickets.com/venues/victoria-hall
Sun 9 th	BARROW IN FURNESS, The Forum	01229 820000 / www.theforumbarrow.co.uk
Tues 11 th	NEWBURY, Corn Exchange	0845 5218218 / www.cornexchangenew.com
Weds 12 th	SCARBOROUGH, Spa Grand Hall	01723 821888 / www.scarboroughspa.co.uk
Thurs 13 th	ROCHDALE, Gracie Fields Theatre	01706 716689 / www.graciefieldstheatre.com
Fri 14 th	HARROGATE, Royal Hall	01423 500500 / www.royalhall.co.uk
Sun 16 th	BROMLEY, Churchill Theatre	0844 871 7620 / www.atgtickets.com/venues/the-churchill-theatre-bromley
Weds 19 th	REDDITCH, Palace Theatre	01527 65203 / www.redditchpalacetheatre.co.uk
Thurs 20 th	RICHMOND, Richmond Theatre	020 8332 4500 / www.atgtickets.com/venues/richmond-theatre
Fri 21 st	PRESTON, Guildhall	0844 844 7710 / www.prestonguildhall.com
Sat 22 nd	WOLVERHAMPTON, Civic	0870 320 7000 / www.wolvescivic.co.uk
Sun 23 rd	SOUTHSEA, Kings Theatre	023 9282 8282 / www.kings-southsea.com
Tues 25 th	MARGATE, Winter Gardens	01843 296111 / www.margatewintergardens.co.uk
Weds 26 th	CROYDON, Fairfield Hall	020 8688 9291 / www.fairfield.co.uk
Thurs 27 th	BEDFORD Corn Exchange	01234 718112 / www.bedfordcornexchange.co.uk
Fri 28 th	CATFORD, Broadway Theatre	020 8690 0002 / www.broadwaytheatre.org.uk
MARCH		
Sat 1 st	GRANTHAM, Meres Hall	01476 406158 / www.guildhallartscentre.com
Tues 4 th	WAKEFIELD, Opera House	01924 211311 / www.theatreroyalwakefield.co.uk
Weds 5 th	HARLOW, Playhouse	01279 431945 / www.playhouseharlow.com
Thurs 6 th	HAYES, Beck Theatre	020 8561 8371 / www.becktheatre.org.uk
Fri 7 th	TORQUAY, Princes Theatre	0844 871 3023 / www.atgtickets.com/venues/princess-theatre-torquay
Sat 8 th	YEOVIL, Octagon Theatre	01935 422884 / www.octagon-theatre.co.uk
Sun 9 th	WOKING, New Victoria Theatre	0844 871 7645 / www.atgtickets.com/venues/new-victoria-theatre
Tues 11 th	PETERBOROUGH, Cressett	01733 265705 / www.cresset.co.uk
Weds 12 th	ST ALBANS, Alban Arena	01727 844488 / www.alban-arena.co.uk
Thurs 13 th	NEWARK, Palace Theatre	01636 655755 / www.palacenewark.com
Fri 14 th	TELFORD, Okengates	01952 382382 / www.theplacetelford.com
Sat 15 th	HULL, City Hall	01482 300300 / www.hullcc.gov.uk
Tues 18 th	SWINDON, Wyvern Theatre	01793 524481 / www.wyverntheatre.org.uk
Weds 19 th	CREWE, Lyceum Theatre	01270 368 242 / www.crewelyceum.co.uk
Thurs 20 th	DARTFORD, Orchard Theatre	01322 220000 / www.orchardtheatre.co.uk
Fri 21 st	HERTFORD, Hertford Theatre	01992 531500 / www.hertfordtheatre.com
Sat 22 nd	BEDWORTH, Civic Hall	024 7637 6707 / www.civichallinbedworth.wordpress.com
Sun 23 rd	HASTINGS, White Rock Theatre	01424 462288 / www.whiterocktheatre.org.uk
APRIL		
Weds 23 rd –		
Thurs 24 th	WINCHESTER, Theatre Royal	01962 840440 / www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk
Fri 25 th	CHATHAM, Medway Theatre	01634 338338 / www.medway.gov.uk
Sat 26 th	DORKING, Dorking Halls	01306 881717 / www.dorkinghalls.co.uk
Sun 27 th	ISLE OF WIGHT, Medina Theatre	01983 527020 / www.medinatheatre.co.uk
Weds 30 th	EXMOUTH, Pavilion	01395 222 477 / www.ledtickets.co.uk
MAY		
Thurs 1 st	BARNSTAPLE, Queens Theatre	01271 324242 / www.northdevontheatres.org.uk
Fri 2 nd	EXETER, Corn Exchange	01392 665866 / www.exeter.gov.uk/cornexchange
Sat 3 rd	WESTON, Weston Playhouse	01934 645544 / www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/theplayhouse
Fri 9 th	DUNDEE, Rep	01382 223530 / www.dundeerep.co.uk