



## PRESS RELEASE

# DAVE SPIKEY - "THE BEST MEDICINE"

## NATIONAL TOUR, SPRING 2008

**"SMART, UNPRETENTIOUS STAND-UP WITH THE CO-STAR OF PHOENIX NIGHTS"** *Guardian*

**"INSPIRED PERFORMANCE"** *The Times*

The **Double British Comedy Award Winner, Co-writer and Star of Phoenix Nights** is back on the road, with a long awaited brand new live show. Previous tour shows; **'Overnight Success'** (2003) and **'Living The Dream'** (2005) were met with great critical acclaim earning him a **'Performance of The Year' Award** (Manchester Evening News Theatre Awards), and a **'Best Comedy Performance' Award** (Leicester Mercury Awards). This full scale nationwide tour sees the **RTS Winner** and **Bafta Nominee** making a welcome return to the live circuit, following a break to concentrate on his numerous television projects.

**"A NATIONAL TREASURE...DOWN TO EARTH GENIUS"** *Liverpool Daily Echo*

Since he last toured, the award-winning comedian has clocked up appearances on the legendary **'Parkinson'** and performed alongside a star studded line-up before Her Majesty the Queen on the prestigious **'Royal Variety Performance'**. He's also appeared as Team Captain alongside Jimmy Carr and Sean Lock in four hit series of Ch4's **'8 out of 10 Cats'**, and hosted 30 shows of classic game show **'Bullseye'**. He won **'Celebrity Mastermind'** and appeared as a celebrity judge on a series of BBC 1's Saturday night variety talent show **'When Will I Be Famous?'** alongside Max Clifford and Graham Norton. He also found the time to write and co-star with Johnny Vegas in ITV's critically acclaimed sit-com **'Dead Man Weds'**, and write and co-star in BBC1's comedy drama **'Magnolia'**.

**"ONE OF THE MOST ORIGINAL, FUNNIEST MEN TO HAVE EMERGED IN YEARS"** *Stage*

In this new show, Dave tackles the old adage **"Laughter is the Best Medicine"**. It was his dad's favourite saying; which is why when Dave was six, he nearly died with diphtheria. In later years, working in the NHS as a Biomedical Scientist, Dave discovered for himself that scientific evidence endorsed his dad's wise words and although the jury's still out on his "happiness is a dog with a tin dick", it has been proven that when we laugh our bodies release a cocktail of chemicals and hormones which reduce stress and blood pressure, lift depression, boost the immune system and here's the clincher.... burn calories!

**"SELL YOUR FIRST BORN FOR ONE TICKET... ABSOLUTE QUALITY"** *North West Evening News*

So this new show is Dave's small contribution to improving the health of the nation. Come along and have a laugh at his tales of stunned guinea pigs, sexual awakenings, cannibals, penile implants, laxative chocolate, the sun going around the moon and how he actually was "covered in piss". Hopefully you'll go away in much better health PLUS if you laugh for just one hour you'll burn off 200 calories and that's a pint of lager! So for maximum benefit, Dave will be encouraging his audiences to laugh at absolutely everything and it'll do everyone the world of good!

**"RELAXED, VISUAL AND HILARIOUSLY FUNNY"** *Time Out*

Demand for tickets will be high so book early to avoid disappointment.

**"GO AND SEE A MASTER AT WORK...PURE COMIC GOLD"** *Lancashire Evening Post*

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DATE	TOWN	VENUE	BOX OFFICE
9 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	LEICESTER	DE MONTFORT HALL	0116 233 3111
13 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	KENDAL	LEISURE CENTRE	01539 729 702
15 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	BRADFORD	ST GEORGES HALL	01274 432 000
17 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	OXFORD	NEW THEATRE	0844 847 1585
23 <sup>RD</sup> FEB	SHEFFIELD	CITY HALL	0114 2789 789
24 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	SUNDERLAND	EMPIRE	0844 847 2499
26 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	OLDHAM	COLISEUM	0161 624 2829
1 <sup>ST</sup> MAR	CARLISLE	SANDS CENTRE	01228 625 222
2 <sup>ND</sup> MAR	NOTTINGHAM	ROYAL CONCERT HALL	0115 989 5555
6 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	BLACKBURN	KING GEORGES HALL	01254 582 582
7 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	SKEGNESS	EMBASSY THEATRE	0845 674 0505
9 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	BUXTON	OPERA HOUSE	0845 127 2190
12 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	WIGAN	MONACO BALLROOM	01942 825 677
13 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	NEWCASTLE	JOURNAL TYNE THEATRE	0844 493 9999
15 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	STOKE	VICTORIA HALL	0870 060 6649
16 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	SALFORD	LOWRY	0870 787 5780
19 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	LEAMINGTON	ROYAL SPA	01926 334 418
20 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	CHELTENHAM	TOWN HALL	01242 227 979
22 <sup>ND</sup> MAR	GLASGOW	THEATRE ROYAL	0870 060 6647
27 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	STOCKPORT	PLAZA	0161 477 7779
29 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	DERBY	ASSEMBLY ROOMS	01332 255 800
30 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	WIGAN	MONACO BALLROOM	01942 825 677
5 <sup>TH</sup> APR	GRIMSBY	AUDITORIUM	0870 060 2331
6 <sup>TH</sup> APR	YORK	OPERA HOUSE	0844 847 2322
10 <sup>TH</sup> APR	WREXHAM	WILLIAM ASTON HALL	01978 292 015
12 <sup>TH</sup> APR	HALIFAX	VICTORIA THEATRE	01422 351 158
13 <sup>TH</sup> APR	LIVERPOOL	EMPIRE	0844 847 2525
17 <sup>TH</sup> APR	PETERBOROUGH	BROADWAY	01733 316 100
18 <sup>TH</sup> APR	MANCHESTER	OPERA HOUSE	0844 847 2295
20 <sup>TH</sup> APR	BRISTOL	HIPPODROME	0844 847 2325
26 <sup>TH</sup> APR	HULL	CITY HALL	01482 226 655
2 <sup>ND</sup> MAY	NORTHAMPTON	ROYAL & DERNGATE	01604 624 811
3 <sup>RD</sup> MAY	PRESTON	GUILD HALL	0845 344 2012
7 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	SWANSEA	GRAND	01792 475 715
9 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	SCARBOROUGH	FUTURIST	01723 374 500
11 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	LLANDUDNO	VENUE CYMRU	01492 872 000
15 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	SOUTHPORT	THEATRE	0844 847 2380
17 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	WARRINGTON	PARR HALL	01925 442 345
18 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	LONDON	CAMBRIDGE THEATRE	0844 412 2703
21 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	DARLINGTON	CIVIC THEATRE	01325 486 555
22 <sup>ND</sup> MAY	HARROGATE	ROYAL HALL	0845 130 8840