



DAVE SPIKEY

THE BEST MEDICINE

TOUR....REPEAT PRESCRIPTION



"Terrific" Time Out

Dave Spikey returns to the stand-up arena in 2009 with a UK tour that will see the **Double British Comedy Award Winner**, co-writer and co-star of **Phoenix Nights**, and former Team Captain of **8 Out Of 10 Cats**, play more than 60 dates around the UK. Working on the premise that 'Laughter IS the Best Medicine', the first leg of **THE BEST MEDICINE TOUR – REPEAT PRESCRIPTION** will kick off on 26 February, concluding on 31 May 2009 and will resume from September to December 2009.

"Inspired performance" – The Times

A former Chief Biomedical scientist at The Royal Bolton Hospital (In fact he won Celebrity Mastermind recording the highest ever score answering questions on "Human Blood"!), Dave is on a 'bit of a mission' to improve the nation's health by having a good laugh at tales of stunned guinea pigs, wasp allergies, his wife the nun, dancing for dobbers, laxative chocolate, the sun going round the moon and the many ways you can 'make your own fun'. Hopefully the cocktail of chemicals and hormones that are released when we laugh will help to raise spirits around the country and – here's the clincher – burn calories! Yes, it has been proven that if you laugh for one hour the body will burn 200 calories and as Dave points out – "that's a pint of lager"!

"Pure Comic Gold" – Lancashire Evening Post

Following the critical success of the **BEST MEDICINE TOUR** in 2008, and the massive demand from theatres, Dave has decided to take it back on the road for 2009 as a '**REPEAT PRESCRIPTION**'. Never one to take things easy, Dave has recently been commissioned by Bolton's Octagon Theatre to write a play and has also got three other writing projects on the go including two books based on the tour

"A National Treasure...Down To Earth Genius"- Liverpool Echo

Dave won the hearts of comedy fans when he made the character of Jerry St Clair his own in the award-winning television series **Phoenix Nights**. **Dead Man Weds** and **Magnolia** followed, along with a 4 series stint as Team Captain on Channel 4's immensely popular **8 out of 10 Cats** and a revival of the classic 'darts' based television game show **Bullseye**, which he hosted on Challenge with the full approval of comedy legend and original host Jim Bowen. Additionally, Dave has released two stand up DVDs - **Overnight Success** which was awarded a Gold Disc and **Living the Dream**, both of which allow fans to take a bit of Dave home with them for more hilarity.

"A master of observational comedy" - Brighton Argus

Aside from his work improving the nation's health with comedy performances and television productions, Dave, a passionate vegetarian, is also an ardent campaigner for animal welfare and in 2007 signed up to the Animals Asia Foundation and travelled to Vietnam and China where he visited bear bile farms and two bear rescue centres run by AAF. He is patron of "Pet Rehome" and will donate all the profits from two of his tour shows (Middleton and Market Drayton) both to them and "Paws for Kids" a charity that helps families and pets who are the victims of domestic violence.

"Absolute Comedy Genius" - Sunderland Echo

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MARCH

Thu 5 March	KETTERING	LIGHTHOUSE	01536 41 41 41	www.lighthousetheatre.co.uk
Fri 6 March	SWINDON	WYVERN	01793 524 481	www.wyverntheatre.org.uk
Thu 12 March	BEDFORD	CORN EXCHANGE	01234 269 519	www.bedfordcornexchange.co.uk
Wed 18 March	GLASGOW	THEATRE ROYAL	0141 332 3321	www.theatroyalglasgow.com
Fri 20 March	WHITEHAVEN	CIVIC THEATRE	01946 514 960	www.civichall.org.uk
Sat 21 March	ULVERSTON	CORONATION HALL	01229 587 140	www.corohall.co.uk
Wed 25 March	BOLTON	ALBERT HALLS	01204 334 400	www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk
Thu 26 March	BOLTON	ALBERT HALLS	01204 334 400	www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk
Fri 27 March	MANSFIELD	PALACE	01623 633 133	www.mansfield.gov.uk/palacetheatre

APRIL

Fri 3 April	BATH	PAVILION	01225 33 03 04	www.Pavilionshop.co.uk
Sat 4 April	YEOVIL	OCTAGON	01935 422 884	www.octagon-theatre.co.uk
Thu 16 April	BIRMINGHAM	ALEXANDRA	0844 847 2294	www.alexandratheatre.org.uk
Fri 17 April	DUNSTABLE	GROVE THEATRE	01582 60 20 80	www.grovetheatre.co.uk
Sat 18 April	MALVERN	FORUM	01684 892 277	www.malvern-theatres.co.uk
Thu 23 April	BRECON	THEATR BRYCHEINIOG	01874 611 622	www.theatrbrycheinog.co.uk
Fri 24 April	NEWTOWN	HAFREN	01686 625 007	www.theatrhafren.co.uk
Sat 25 April	CARDIFF	ST DAVIDS HALL	029 2087 8444	www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk
Thu 30 April	NEW BRIGHTON	FLORAL PAVILION	0151 666 00 00	www.floralpavilion.com

MAY

Sun 3 May	MIDDLETON	MIDDLETON ARENA CHARITY SHOW	0871 300 0010	www.seetickets.com
Tue 5 May	BELFAST	CATHEDRAL QUARTER ARTS FESTIVAL	From April	mailinglist@caqf.com
Thu 7 May	SHREWSBURY	SEVEN THEATRE	01743 281 281	www.theatresevern.co.uk
Sat 9 May	ABERDEEN	MUSIC HALL	01224 641 122	www.musichallaberdeen.com
Fri 15 May	TAUNTON	WELLS SPRINGS	0845 130 2773	www.toneleisure.com
Sat 16 May	ALDERSHOT	PRINCES HALL	01252 329 155	www.princeshall.com
Thu 21 May	IPSWICH	REGENT	01473 433 100	www.ipswichregent.com
Sat 23 May	JERSEY	FORT REGENT	01534 449827	www.gov.je
Fri 29 May	RHYL	PAVILION	01745 33 00 00	www.rhylpavilion.co.uk
Sat 30 May	BLACKPOOL	OPERA HOUSE	0844 856 1111	www.blackpoollive.com
Sun 31 May	LEEDS	GRAND THEATRE	0870 121 4901	www.leedsgrandtheatre.com

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AUGUST

Fri 28 August	BLACKPOOL	NORTH PIER	0844 847 2452	www.blackpoollive.com
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SEPTEMBER

Thu 3 September	MARKET DRAYTON	FESTIVAL DRAYTON CENTRE <i>CHARITY SHOW</i>	01630 654444	www.info@festivaldraytoncentre.com
Sat 5 September	LANCASTER	GRAND THEATRE	01524 64695	www.lancastergrand.co.uk
Sat 26 September	FOLKESTONE	LEAS CLIFF	0870 4000 890	www.leascliffhall.org.uk
Sun 27 September	HASTINGS	WHITE ROCK THEATRE	0870 145 1133	www.hastings.gov.uk/wrt/
Mon 28 September	SOUTHSEA	KINGS THEATRE	023 92828282	www.kings-southsea.com

OCTOBER

Fri 2 October	TELFORD	OAKENGATES THEATRE	01952 382 382	www.oakengates.ws
Sat 3 October	WINSFORD	CIVIC HALL	01606 867555	www.valeroyal.gov.uk
Sun 4 October	ST HELENS	THEATRE ROYAL	01744 756000	www.sthelenstheatreroyal.com
Fri 9 October	SALISBURY	CITY HALL	01722 434434	www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk/
Sat 10 October	BOURNEMOUTH	PAVILION	0844 576 3000	www.bic.co.uk
Fri 16 October	FALKIRK	TOWN HALL	01324 506850	www.falkirk.gov.uk
Sat 17 October	ROCHDALE	GRACIE FIELDS THEATRE	01706 716689	www.graciefieldstheatre.com
Sun 18 October	BELFAST	ULSTER HALL	028 9033 4455	www.belfastcity.gov.uk/ulsterhall
Thu 22 October	WOLVERHAMPTON	CIVIC HALL	0870 320 7000	www.wolvescivic.co.uk
Fri 23 October	DURHAM	GALA THEATRE	0191 332 4041	www.galadurham.co.uk
Sat 24 October	MIDDLESBROUGH	TOWN HALL	01642 729808	www.middlesbrough.gov.uk
Thu 29 October	BARNSTAPLE	QUEENS THEATRE	01271 32 42 42	www.northdevontheatres.org.uk
Fri 30 October	TRURO	HALL FOR CORNWALL	01872 262466	www.hallforcornwall.co.uk
Sat 31 October	TORQUAY	PRINCESS THEATRE	0844 847 2315	www.princesstheatre.org.uk

NOVEMBER

Tue 3 November	HAYES	BECK THEATRE	020 8561 8371	www.becktheatre.org.uk
Fri 6 November	WESTON-SUPER-MARE	PLAYHOUSE	01934 645 544	www.theplayhouse.co.uk
Sun 8 November	BRIDLINGTON	SPA THEATRE	01262 678258	www.eastriding.gov.uk
Thu 12 November	COLNE	MUNICIPAL THEATRE	01282 661234	www.themuni.co.uk
Fri 13 November	CREWE	LYCEUM	01270 537243	www.lyceumtheatre.net
Sat 14 November	STAFFORD	GATEHOUSE	01785 254 653	www.staffordgatehousetheatre.co.uk
Thu 19 November	CROYDON	FAIRFIELD HALLS	0208 688 9291	www.fairfield.co.uk
Fri 20 November	GRAVESEND	WOODVILLE HALLS	01474 33 77 74	www.gravesham.gov.uk
Sat 21 November	COLCHESTER	CHARTER HALL	01206 282946	www.charter-hall.co.uk
Thu 26 November	INVERNESS	IRONWORKS	0871 7894173	www.ironworksvenue.com
Sat 28 November	MANCHESTER	OPERA HOUSE	0844 847 2295	www.manchesteroperahouse.org.uk
Sun 29 November	LONDON	BLOOMSBURY THEATRE	020 7388 8822	www.thebloomsbury.com