

ANDY ZALTZMAN'S HISTORY OF THE THIRD MILLENNIUM, SERIES 1 OF 100

The undisputed, sporadically-acclaimed comedian ANDY ZALTZMAN (star of The Bugle podcast and Radio 4's Political Animal) returns to BBC Radio 4 with his decade-by-decade comic analysis of the Third Millennium. Starting on 10th December, the four-part series will cover the 2000 - 2009 period of what is already shaping up to be a troubled thousand years... Each week Andy will apply his signature mix of stand-up, sketches, facts and blatant lies to the big topics of our most recent one-tenth of a century, taking on World Politics, Global Economy, Britain, and Planet Earth.

The new series features the voices of RORY BREMNER (Bremner, Bird and Fortune, Channel 4), BRIDGET CHRISTIE (The Omid Djalili Show, BBC ONE), LUCY MONTGOMERY (Titty Bang Bang, BBC THREE), and KIM WALL (Al Murray's Multiple Personality Disorder, ITV1).

ANDY ZALTZMAN'S recent credits include: writing and hosting BBC Radio 5Live's Yes! It's The Ashes; appearing on The Now Show, Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive and The News Quiz (all BBC Radio 4) and The Late Edition (BBC FOUR); as well as writing for Channel 4's Bremner Bird and Fortune. With JOHN OLIVER, ANDY co writes and hosts The Bugle; an ongoing series of satirical news podcasts, in association with The Times and has recently written for and performed on JOHN'S one hour Comedy Central stand up special Terrifying Times. ANDY is also the author of Does Anything Eat Bankers?, a satirical take on the credit crunch.

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Andy Zaltzman's History Of The Third Millennium, Series 1 Of 100 will transmit on BBC Radio 4 for four weeks from 10th December 2009

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Avalon Television is one of the leading producers of award-winning comedy and light entertainment programmes in the UK. Founded in 1993, the independent production house supplies television programming to all the British terrestrial channels and the leading cable and satellite stations, in addition to content for radio broadcasters.

Recent television productions include: a new comedy sketch show written by and starring the multi-award winning creator of *The Pub Landlord*, Al Murray's Multiple Personality Disorder (ITV1); the quadruple-BAFTA and triple *British Comedy Award*-winning Harry Hill's TV Burp (ITV1); Al Murray's Happy Hour (ITV1) - the *British Comedy Award* winning peak-time entertainment show; three series of the *Royal Television Society* and *Rose D'Or* award-winning sitcom Not Going Out (BBC ONE); the acclaimed Touch Me I'm Karen Taylor (BBC THREE); the *Rose d'Or* award-winning Kombat Opera Presents (BBC TWO), a series of contemporary musical comedies from the creator of the multi-award-winning hit musical Jerry Springer - The Opera, with collaborators including STEWART LEE, DAVE GORMAN and TERRY JONES; a feature-length documentary, written by and starring DAVE GORMAN, entitled Unchained America (More 4); Laura, Ben and Him, a multi-character sketch show for ITV2 written by and starring hotly-tipped new writer performers LAURA SOLON, BEN WILLBOND and MAREK LARWOOD; You Can Choose Your Friends (ITV1) - a 90-minute comedy-drama starring the late ANTON RODGERS and JULIA MCKENZIE; a prime-time reality format in the US called Wake Up Call (ABC Network); and The Greg Behrendt Show, a first-run syndication show in the USA produced by Avalon Television and Sony.

Avalon Television also produces radio, with recent projects including: Yes it's the Ashes, ANDY ZALTZMAN'S topical look at the ashes series; The Frank Skinner Show, which goes out on Saturday mornings on Absolute Radio; a sixth series of DAVID BADDIEL'S acclaimed BBC Radio 4 comic-discussion show, Heresy; series six of Out To Lunch (BBC Radio 2), a comedy show for Saturday afternoons hosted by RUSSELL KANE - featuring some of the finest up-and-coming comic talent currently working in the UK; a third series of Banter (BBC Radio 4), hosted by *Sony Award*-winning ANDREW COLLINS, a comedy panel show in which the guests including RICHARD HERRING and RUSSELL HOWARD are asked to hammer out Top Threes in categories covering anything from playwrights to Playstation; series two of Political Animal (BBC Radio 4), a socio-political satire show, hosted and linked by ANDY ZALTZMAN and The Daily Show With Jon Stewart (More 4) regular JOHN OLIVER.

OTHER SHOW CREDITS

The producer is RICHARD GROCOCK. The executive producers are JON THODAY and RICHARD ALLEN-TURNER.

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