

# NOT GOING OUT

The acclaimed second series of LEE MACK'S *Royal Television Society* and *Golden Rose* award-winning sitcom, Not Going Out, is set to be released on DVD for the first time by Universal Pictures. Packed full of the jokes, jibes and general misunderstandings of happy-go-lucky Lee (LEE MACK), his best mate Tim (fellow *BAFTA Award* winner TIM VINE) and the object of Lee's hapless affections, his landlady and Tim's sister Lucy (SALLY BRETTON, The Office, Green Wing) – the DVD contains the entire seven-part series, the seasonal Christmas Special plus exclusive extras from the cast. Originally broadcast on BBC ONE in autumn 2007, the DVD is out on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009, to coincide with the BBC transmission of the much anticipated third series.

Series two sees Lee with a big problem. His flatmate Kate has moved out for good and his best mate and landlord, Tim has put the apartment up for sale. Faced with the prospect of losing the flat, not to mention his well-meaning but utterly useless cleaner Barbara (MIRANDA HART, Hyperdrive and Lead Balloon), Lee rents the spare room to Tim's ambitious younger sister Lucy. The arrangement turns out to be far from perfect however with high-flyer Lucy taking on Lee in a bidding war for the flat.

Sibling rivalry turns into full-on anxiety as uptight accountant Tim quickly becomes suspicious of Lee's influence on his kid sister. To top it all, Lee starts to seriously question the suitability of Lucy's new boyfriend (SIMON DUTTON, The Saint and Holby City) and he finds his plans for keeping the flat are not plain sailing. On the plus side, his new domestic set-up does lead him to discover the art world, the underworld, and the lengths one man will go for tickets to an England football match...

The series two DVD extras include: never-before-seen footage from the rehearsals; behind-the-scenes at a studio recording with LEE 'actor, comic, writer and stuntman' MACK (and MIRANDA HART'S bout of Tourettes); plus 'alternative' audio commentaries on three episodes courtesy of LEE, TIM, KATY WIX (set to appear in Series 3) and writer ANDREW COLLINS.

An acclaimed writer and performer, LEE is probably best known to television audiences as a resident team captain on Would I Lie To You? (BBC ONE), from Have I Got News For You (BBC ONE) and as a key writer and performer in the *BAFTA Award* winning The Sketch Show (ITV1), which ran for two series in the UK before LEE went on to work alongside KELSEY GRAMMER in an American version of the show. He has also written and starred in his *Sony Radio Award* nominated The Lee Mack Show (BBC Radio 2); hosted They Think It's All Over (BBC ONE); and headlined and hosted Live at the Apollo (BBC ONE). An award-winning stand-up, LEE'S latest tour was a sell-out, nominated for a *British Comedy Award*, recorded for release on DVD, and subsequently broadcast on Channel 4 this autumn. In 2005 LEE won the *Best Stand-Up* award at the *Loaded LAFTAS*, in addition to previously winning a *Time Out Best Live Comedy Award* and receiving a nomination for the *Perrier Award*.

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*"Lee Mack's mouthy flat-share sitcom is just the sort of effortless entertainment that can revive sunken spirits."*  
Dominic Maxwell, *The Times*

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## WHAT THE PRESS HAS SAID ABOUT NOT GOING OUT:

It had to happen sooner or later. BBC ONE has finally found a sitcom worth staying in for... When was the last time any sitcom delivered a gag as perfect as: "Just because Thora Hird can't climb stairs doesn't mean she's a Dalek"? If you can think of any situation where you could shoehorn in a one-liner like that, I'd love to hear it. In the meantime, Not Going Out looks like the perfect solution to Friday nights.

**Jane Simon, Daily Mirror**

Lee Mack's comedy Not Going Out turned into one of the most laugh-aloud comedies on screen in aeons. The ubiquitous shots of buildings lend it a distinctly American feel, but it is the tightness of the scripts with quite complex gags built up over conversations - particularly between Lee and his friend Tim - that make it so different.

**Jaci Stephen, The Mail on Sunday**

The joke in the modern sitcom was fast becoming an anachronism until Not Going Out came along... In Not Going Out we have a punning gag-rich half hour that speeds along without drawing breath.

**David Stephenson, The Sunday Express**

I must admit I tend to have a mild panic attack whenever a preview copy of a new British sitcom lands on my doormat. As does my wife, so rather than remain at my side to offer moral support as I go about my professional duty, she'll usually sneak off to bed with a fat Jilly Cooper and a small bucket of Cotes Du Rhone. However, this new effort from comic Lee Mack not only held our attention but drew genuine titters from the pair of us, which I have to stress is praise indeed.

**Mike Ward, 'Saturday Magazine' The Express**

There's no shortage of gags in this enjoyable new sitcom. No wonder given it's part written by stand-up comic Lee Mack, a man never knowingly caught short of comedy... And look out for the perfect joke on self-harming... Not much "sit" but plenty of "com" in Lee Mack's new sitcom about a man, his flatmate and his friend.

**David Butcher, Radio Times**

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## EPISODE SYNOPSSES

### **Episode 1 – Mortgage**

Now that Lee's former flatmate Kate has moved back to America, Tim decides to sell the flat. Faced with homelessness, Lee announces he'll buy the flat himself, but realises he can't afford it. He sets to work looking for a flatmate to help pay the mortgage, and an unexpected person seems to be the saviour - Tim's sister Lucy.

### **Episode 2 – Gay**

A misunderstanding leads Lucy to persuade Lee to pretend to be gay in order to get closer to an attractive new business acquaintance, Guy. Initially resistant, Lee changes his mind when he discovers there's something in the arrangement for him... tickets to Wembley! But Guy starts to see through his pretence, and puts Lee to the test.

### **Episode 3 – Librarian**

Lee is becoming increasingly riled by Guy's constant presence in the flat, and his distrust of him is fuelled by the discovery that he runs a 'dodgy' business venture. Meanwhile, Tim finally seems to have found a girl who he really likes, and of whom even Lucy approves. The perfect girl... until Tim finds out what she does for a living.

### **Episode 4 – Baby**

Lucy is worried about the age gap between her and Guy, a concern that increases when Guy turns up to meet her with his grandson in tow. A family emergency means Lee and Tim are left in charge of the baby, and they prove to be less than perfect babysitters.

### **Episode 5 – Art**

In an effort to appear as intellectual as Lucy's friends, Lee shows off his 'knowledge' of the art world. When Lucy takes his advice and invests a fortune in the artist's work, Lee is left trying to prevent her from finding out the artist is actually a nobody.

### **Episode 6 – Dating**

As Lucy and Guy's relationship intensifies, Lee starts to ponder his lack of a girlfriend and, encouraged by Barbara, tries speed dating. Meanwhile Tim is forced to go on a disastrous date with Barbara, in order to prove that he sees her as more than 'the help'.

### **Episode 7 – Gangster**

When Guy showers Lucy with expensive clothes prior to whisking her off for a mystery weekend away, Lee becomes suspicious of Guy. After some high-level surveillance he comes to the conclusion that Guy is a gangster. But Barbara and Tim realise that he doesn't object to Guy just because of his dubious business interests – it's also because Lee wants Lucy for himself.



### Episode 8 – Christmas Special

Following Lucy's split from her much older boyfriend Guy, Lee hits on a plan to spend some time alone with her at Christmas. However, all is not plain sailing when Tim and Lucy's parents cancel their skiing holiday and decide to join their offspring for a traditional family day. Barbara is called in to help with the Christmas dinner and sees it as an opportunity to turn matchmaker for Lucy and Lee. Lee introduces a murder mystery game over dinner which brings family tensions to a head.

## TIM VINE BIOGRAPHY

Returning for the third series of Not Going Out, TIM also co-starred with LEE MACK in both series of the *BAFTA Award* winning series The Sketch Show (ITV1). TIM is also known as a TV host, having devised and presented Fluke (Channel 4), which was nominated for a *Golden Rose* at the *International Rose d'Or Television Festival*. He also became the first man to appear on five, presenting quiz show Whittle. Tim has also starred in The Tim Vine Christmas Present (five), Saturday Live (ITV) and The Stand Up Show (BBC ONE).

TIM became the *Guinness World Record* holder for Telling The Most Jokes in an Hour – smashing the previous record with a total of 499. He has appeared on the Royal Variety Show (ITV1) alongside SHIRLEY BASSEY and KYLIE MINOGUE, and has also played to sold-out venues across the UK with his The Joke Machine Gun and Punslinger national tours. His new stand-up DVD entitled So I Said To This Bloke... has just been released to five star reviews.

## SALLY BRETTON BIOGRAPHY

A graduate of the Central School of Speech and Drama, audiences will know SALLY from her performances in some of the most successful comedy series of recent years including The Office (BBC TWO), Green Wing (CHANNEL 4) and Absolute Power (BBC TWO). She has also recently appeared in Hotel Babylon (BBC ONE).

In 2002, SALLY was nominated in the Best Actress category at the *Manchester Evening News Awards* for her role as Honey in Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf. Most recently she has appeared as Goneril in King Lear and as Heloise in In Extremis at the Globe Theatre, London. Other stage credits include ARTHUR MILLER'S All My Sons at the Library Theatre, Manchester and A Conversation at the Manchester Royal Exchange.



## MIRANDA HART BIOGRAPHY

An acclaimed live performer and comedy actress, MIRANDA has most recently starred in the second series of HYPERDRIVE (BBC ONE) after being nominated for a *British Comedy Award* for the first series; played Shelley in critically acclaimed Angelos (five); and appeared in Lead Balloon (BBC THREE) with JACK DEE and Nighty Night (BBC TWO) with JULIA DAVIS. She also recently appeared as a panellist on Have I Got News For You (BBC ONE).

MIRANDA has also featured in the film Magicians starring MITCHELL & WEBB. Radio appearances include: Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive (BBC Radio 4), The 99p Challenge (BBC Radio 4) and her own sketch show Miranda Hart's House Party (BBC Radio 4).

Miranda's current Radio 2 sitcom Miranda Hart's Joke Shop has been commissioned for a TV series for BBC TWO and will begin filming next year.

## KATY WIX BIOGRAPHY

A successful comedy actress, KATY is soon to be seen in the forthcoming Al Murray's Multiple Personality Disorder (ITV1). Other recent credits include the acclaimed satirical series Headcases (ITV1) and the brand new series of Torchwood (BBC TWO)

Katy is one half of female comedy duo Penny Spubb with fellow comedienne ANNA CRILLY. Their show Penny Spubb's Party debuted at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and received nominations for *The Writers Guild Award* and *The Best Double Act*. The duo have gone on to appear in both series of Comedy Shuffle (BBC Three) and Comedy Cuts (ITV 1), and are currently in production for their brand new BBC Radio 2 show.



## PRODUCTION CREDITS

The series is directed by ALEX HARDCASTLE and produced by CHARLIE HANSON. Writers are LEE MACK, ANDREW COLLINS, SIMON EVANS and PAUL KERENSA.

Executive Producers are LEE MACK, JON THODAY and RICHARD ALLEN-TURNER.

## AVALON TELEVISION

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: the double-BAFTA and *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; the forthcoming Al Murray's Multiple Personality Disorder (ITV1); 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: 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 fifth series of DAVID BADDIEL'S acclaimed BBC Radio 4 comic-discussion show, Heresy; series three 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; and the forthcoming BBC Radio 2 series written by and starring ANNA CRILLY and KATY WIX.

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