



Prime Video to Launch UK Amazon Original Comedy Series *Backstage with Katherine Ryan*

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This unique comedy series will offer a rare glimpse behind the curtain of Katherine Ryan's brand-new live comedy show, offering an exclusive look at what goes on behind-the-scenes, whilst also showcasing world-class stand-up from the UK's funniest comedians

Hosted by Katherine Ryan, each episode will feature some of the most exciting names in British comedy, including: Jimmy Carr, Frankie Boyle, Sara Pascoe, Judi Love, Ivo Graham, Jo Brand, Nish Kumar, Joel Dommett, Rosie Jones, Rob Beckett, Sue Perkins, Tom Allen, Michelle de Swarte, Desiree Burch, Seann Walsh, Nick Mohammed, Sarah Millican, Joanne McNally, Russell Kane, Geoff Norcott, and Darren Harriott

Taking place at one of the UK's most atmospheric performance venues—London's Roundhouse—Backstage with Katherine Ryan is produced by Expectation and will launch exclusively on Prime Video in 2022 in over 240 countries and territories





LONDON, UK, 26th August 2021 – Amazon Prime Video is launching UK Original comedy series *Backstage with Katherine Ryan*, which will be available exclusively on Prime Video in over 240 countries and territories in 2022.

This series, produced by Expectation, will introduce an all-new live comedy experience, blending world-class stand-up with behind-the-scenes access, in which [Katherine Ryan](#) will invite both the biggest and the most exciting new names from the world of comedy to perform on-stage and hang out backstage at London's iconic Roundhouse. The star-studded line-up includes: [Frankie Boyle](#), [Sara Pascoe](#), [Judi Love](#), [Ivo Graham](#), [Jo Brand](#), [Nish Kumar](#), [Joel Dommett](#), [Rosie Jones](#), [Rob Beckett](#), [Sue Perkins](#), [Tom Allen](#), [Michelle de Swarte](#), [Jimmy Carr](#), [Desiree Burch](#), [Seann Walsh](#), [Nick Mohammed](#), [Sarah Millican](#), [Joanne McNally](#), [Russell Kane](#), [Geoff Norcott](#), and [Darren Harriott](#).

Based on the comedy industry truism that some of the funniest material of the night is never seen because it happens behind the scenes, *Backstage with Katherine Ryan* will reveal what comedians get up to before, during, and after the show. While the camera usually stops at the curtain, this series stays with the comedians throughout the show, joining the inner-sanctum of comedy as they hang out backstage. This is where they let their guard down, the pressure of the live audience is off, and the real business of comedy begins. We will see their pre- and post-performance rituals, observe the chemistry between the comics, hear them critique each others' material, trade anecdotes, and enjoy the afterparty.

"After having nearly two years of cancelled gigs, comics are as eager to get backstage as they are to get on stage again. That's why I'm absolutely thrilled to be working alongside Amazon Prime Video and the brilliant team at Expectation to launch *Backstage with Katherine Ryan*," said Katherine Ryan. "We'll be taking you with us behind the curtain and into our sacred space so you can share in the candid hilarity that happens before and after a gig. It's a whole new way to experience the magic of stand-up."

"Thanks to the wonderful people at Amazon we've got the best stand-ups performing in a beautiful venue to a comedy-starved audience, hosted by the Queen of the Comedy Stage, Katherine Ryan," said Expectation's Creative Director, Entertainment and Executive Producer Ben Wicks. "That's not all though, in a major blow to FOMO, we also have 40 cameras behind the backstage door. We'll see the funniest comics on earth as you've never seen them before: wildly indiscreet and completely unfiltered. Just spare a thought for the editor."

"It's often said that the funniest material of the night takes place backstage, and this series is about peeking behind-the-scenes, giving the audience a backstage pass to comedy's inner-sanctum," said Dan Grabiner, Head of UK Originals, Amazon Studios. "In Katherine we have the perfect host, and we're delighted to be featuring some of the very best in the business across the series."

The executive producer for Expectation is BAFTA-winning [Ben Wicks](#) (*The Last Leg*, *The Big Narstie Show*), executive producer for Amazon is [Suzi Aplin](#) (*TFI Friday*, *Friday Night with Jonathan Ross*), [Martyn Smith](#) (*Dragons' Den*, *The Apprentice*) is executive story producer, and [Mia Cross](#) (*Live at the Apollo*, *The Ranganation*) is series producer.

Acknowledging the impact COVID-19 has had on comedians and professionals working in the industry since the start of the pandemic, Prime Video has also made a donation to the Live Comedy Association and NextUp Comedy's #SaveLiveComedy Fund, which was established with the founding support of Panadol, to provide hardship grants to those within the live comedy industry who suffered a loss of income due to the pandemic.

Backstage with Katherine Ryan will join the thousands of TV shows and movies in the Prime Video catalogue, including UK produced Amazon Original series such as *Good Omens*, *Clarkson's Farm*, *The Grand Tour*, and *All or Nothing: Tottenham Hotspur*, as well as forthcoming UK-produced Amazon

Originals Series *The Rig*, *The Devil's Hour*, *Mammals*, *All or Nothing: Arsenal*, *Jungle*, *Lovestruck High*, *Anansi Boys*, and *The Power*; hit movies like *Coming 2 America*, Golden Globe-winner and Academy Award-nominee *Borat Subsequent Moviefilm*, the Golden Globe- and Academy Award-nominated movies *One Night in Miami*...and *Sound of Metal*; and critically acclaimed global Amazon Original series, including *Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan*, *The Boys*, *Homecoming*, and *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, all available on Prime Video at no extra cost for Prime members. Prime Video also offers Prime members in the UK live coverage of Premier League football matches, Autumn Nations Cup international rugby union tournament, plus exclusive coverage of ATP Tour and US Open tennis.

Prime members will be able to watch all episodes of *Backstage with Katherine Ryan* anywhere and anytime on the Prime Video app for smart TVs, mobile devices, Fire TV, Fire TV stick, Fire tablets, games consoles, on Virgin's V6 TV Box, the Talk Talk TV set top box, Apple TV, Chromecast, BT TV or online at www.amazon.co.uk/primevideo. In the Prime Video app, Prime members can download episodes on their mobile devices and tablets and watch anywhere offline at no additional cost. Prime Video is available in the UK and Ireland at no extra cost to a Prime membership for just £7.99 a month or £79 per year. New customers can find out more at amazon.co.uk/prime and subscribe to a free 30-day trial.

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Prime Video offers customers a vast collection of TV shows, movies, sport and more — all available to watch on practically any device:

- **Included with Prime:** Watch thousands of popular movies and TV shows, award-winning Amazon Originals and other exclusives, sports, and more. Think UK-produced Amazon Originals such as *Good Omens*, *The Grand Tour* and *All or Nothing: Tottenham Hotspur*, US hits like *The Boys*, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* and *Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan*; as well as exclusive TV shows like *Star Trek: Picard*, *Nine Perfect Strangers* and *Little Fires Everywhere*; movies like *Coming 2 America* and the Golden Globe-winning *Borat Subsequent Moviefilm*; as well as live sport including ATP and WTA Tour and US Open Tennis, the Rugby Union Autumn Nations Cup and Premier League football. All available at no additional cost as part of Prime Video, which is available in more than 240 countries and territories worldwide (offers and titles vary based on location).
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About Expectation

Expectation is an award-winning, multi-genre, independent production company covering both scripted and non-scripted programming. Formed in 2017 by Peter Fincham and Tim Hincks, Expectation is one of the fastest growing companies in the indie sector and has built an enviable reputation for creating new drama, comedy and entertainment formats as well as breaking new talent.

About Katherine Ryan

Award-winning comedian, writer, presenter and actress, Katherine Ryan is currently dominating the television and live comedy scenes, both in the UK and abroad. Katherine starred in, wrote and executive produced her sitcom, *The Duchess*, which was released in 2020 and leapt to the top of the Netflix UK chart. Katherine has filmed two critically-acclaimed Netflix Global stand-up specials – *Glitter Room* and *In Trouble*. Katherine hosts the primetime BBC Two jewelry-making competition series – *All That Glitters* – which aired to fantastic viewing figures. A second series will film this year. She will soon be seen hosting ITV2's marquee show, *Ready to Mingle*, as well as *Backstage with Katherine Ryan* for Amazon. She has been a stalwart on all the UK's major panel shows, and has co-hosted six series of *Your Face or Mine* alongside judging four series of *Roast Battle* for Comedy Central as well as being a judge on Netflix's first panel show *The Fix*. Outside of television, Katherine has sold-out venues across the world with her unique shows and will be touring her new show *Missus* from September. She has also written a book – *The Audacity* – which will be published

by Bonnier in September as a super lead title. Her podcast *Telling Everybody Everything* frequently tops the podcast charts and is hosted by market-leader Acast.