

## Jason Manford to return as host for Olivier Awards 2020 with Mastercard

Jason Manford has been announced as the host of the Olivier Awards 2020 with Mastercard. This is the third time the comedian, actor and singer will host the prestigious ceremony, celebrating the best of London's world-leading theatre, which takes place at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday 5 April.

Jason Manford said:

'It's great to be back hosting the Olivier Awards. Having trod the boards myself many times, I've experienced first-hand the huge wealth of creativity and talent across the UK theatre industry. I look forward to celebrating all the incredible work produced over the last year. It will definitely be a night to remember – see you at the Royal Albert Hall!'

Olivier Awards nominations will be announced on Tuesday 3 March, and public tickets for the ceremony go on sale on Friday 24 January, through <u>priceless.com</u>.

Further details of plans for this year's Olivier Awards will be revealed soon.

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**Jason Manford** is an award-winning comedian, broadcaster and actor. As well as frequent television appearances on shows like 8 Out Of 10 Cats and Live At The Apollo, Jason boasts numerous stage credits, including the multi-Olivier Award-winning production of Sweeney Todd, an acclaimed UK tour of The Producers, and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Jason recently starred in a new touring production of the Kander and Ebb musical Curtains, including a West End run between December 2019 and January 2020.

Established in 1976, the Olivier Awards celebrate the world-class status of London theatre and are Britain's most prestigious stage honours.

<u>Society of London Theatre (SOLT)</u> is a not-for-profit organisation representing the London theatre industry. SOLT runs the Olivier Awards, West End LIVE, TKTS, Theatre Tokens, Kids Week, the New Year Sale and Official London Theatre.

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