



## ENTERTAINMENT WINTER HIGHLIGHTS 2005



### THE WORLD ACCORDING TO BEX

World According To Bex stars Bex Atwell, a secretary who's stuck in an "almost" world – "almost" in a relationship, "almost" in a good job, "almost" a size 10/12.

Bex is trying to figure out what a smart woman is supposed to do in a world where men behave like ... well, men, but the more she discovers the more infuriating they become.

Bex's boss Charles doesn't acknowledge relationship boundaries; her on/off boyfriend Ryan is worried that she's "trying to corral his seed", and her womanising father Jack has regressed into one of the lads.

With the help of her acerbic friend Chris and her subversive office mate Jan, Bex tries to work out what men are all about and why women even bother trying to work them out in the first place.

Jessica Stevenson plays Bex Atwell, Greg Wise plays Charles, Oliver Chris plays Ryan, Clive Russell plays Jack, Raquel Cassidy plays Chris and Zita Sattar plays Jan. The World According To Bex is created by Fred Barron.

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## 2004 TV MOMENTS

With more fun and frolics at the expense of the celebrity audience, Jonathan Ross presents the BBC One award show that takes each and every TV moment very seriously indeed. Now in its fourth year, the show toasts the perfect nuggets of television from the worlds of sport, drama, soap, comedy, reality TV and entertainment.

TV Moments reveals the underbelly of the television year through the tantrums, breakages, tears and bum notes that have made 2004 such a great 12 months.

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## MAKING YOUR MIND UP

Hello United Kingdom, this is the Ukraine calling... at least it will be in 2005. But before we get there, the nation needs to choose a song with plenty of boom-bang-a-bang to bring home the coveted trophy. Yes, it's time to unfurl the Union flag with a cry of "nul points – never again!", and cast your vote when Making Your Mind Up makes a triumphant return in the spring.

Ok, so we didn't win last year, but at least James Fox hit all the right notes – but did you think he was the wrong choice? If so, there is only one way to make sure your act goes to the Ukraine as Eurovision celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2005, and that's to vote. Whether it's via SMS or interactively with the red button, there really can be no excuse not to get involved this time!

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## THE ORANGE BRITISH ACADEMY FILM AWARDS

This prestigious ceremony, hosted by Stephen Fry and exclusive to BBC One, brings together the major stars of the silver screen to walk the red carpet and hopefully receive one of the coveted awards. Viewers will experience the glitz and glamour as the stars and film-makers wait nervously for the announcements of winners of categories including Actor and Actress In a Leading Role, Best Film and The Orange Film Of The Year – the only award voted for by the cinema-going public.

Last year's Awards ceremony was attended by leading personalities from the world of film including Renée Zellweger, Johnny Depp, Jude Law, Scarlett Johansson, Benicio Del Toro, Naomi Watts, Paul Bettany, Ian McKellen, Holly Hunter, Emma Thompson, Laura Linney, Tim Burton, Helena Bonham Carter, Peter Jackson and Sofia Coppola.

The Orange British Academy Film Awards in 2005 will be held at the Odeon, Leicester Square.

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## THE TWO RONNIES SKETCHBOOK

In a television career that has spanned 98 shows, 12 series, Christmas specials and more than 30 years in the business, Ronnie Corbett and Ronnie Barker entertained millions with their inimitable brand of comedy – from gags, sketches and clever monologues to spectacular musical numbers.

The Two Ronnies Sketchbook reunites the comedy legends in a unique format that sees them revealing their favourite sketches from one of the most impressive comedy catalogues in mainstream entertainment, including classics such as Mastermind, The Optician's, Swedish Made Simple, Rook Restaurant and The Phantom Raspberry Blower serial.

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## COMIC RELIEF 2005 RED NOSE NIGHT

BBC One celebrates the 10th Red Nose Day on Friday 11 March 2005 with a truckload of TV treats.

The night includes a very special Vicar Of Dibley and a series of celebrity Little Britain featuring the likes of Robbie Williams and George Michael, as well as much more unmissable comedy and live music.

Since its launch in 1985, Comic Relief has gone from strength to strength, raising over £310 million for projects both in Africa and here in the UK. Over the years, Comic Relief cash in Africa has educated people about HIV and Aids, taught women to read and helped rebuild their communities after conflict. Across the UK it has helped disabled people challenge prejudice and discrimination, supported older people in their fight to get rights recognised and provided escape routes for women living with domestic violence.

Red Nose Day 2003 raised a whopping £61,477,539 thanks to support from fundraisers around the country. During next March's Red Nose Night viewers will be able to see how their money has helped Comic Relief to make a real difference to the poorest and most vulnerable people in the UK and Africa.

This year is all about Big Hair and Beyond – changing the way you look for a day to help transform someone else's life for ever. So Red Nose Day 2005 promises to be the biggest, reddest restyle in history!

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## SUPERSTARS

Olympic boxing sensation Amir Khan and Olympic gold-medallist Denise Lewis are just two of the names taking part in a brand-new series in which swimmer Zoë Baker and athlete Du'aine Ladejo also return to defend their crowns.

Presented by Johnny Vaughan and Suzi Perry from the La Manga resort in Spain, the show features a Masters heat which includes footballing legend John Barnes and boxer Barry McGuigan.

Events for the heats are kayak, sprint, shot put, swim, football, cross country, gym tests and mountain bike. For the final, shot put, football and cross country are replaced by tennis, golf and basketball.

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## 29 MINUTES OF FAME

From the creators of Whose Line Is It Anyway?, 29 Minutes Of Fame is the panel show in which anything can happen. For some, fame is a fleeting moment in the glare of the camera flash, for others it lasts for a lifetime. But no matter what its nature, fame is a game, and some play it better than others.

The show takes two teams of well-known faces from the world of comedy and makes them battle it out over a series of rounds to uncover who knows the most about anyone with an ounce of celebrity – from Albert Einstein to Kylie Minogue.

Cheeky and completely irreverent, this fame game has got to be played to win, but in this instance the running time is a little longer than Warhol's 15 minutes. It's 29 to be exact.

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