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The Political Garden Party & Awards Ceremony

Who is organising the Political Garden Party & Awards?

Holyrood magazine is running the awards.

When and where is this being held?

The Political Garden Party & Awards will be held at the Royal Botanic Gardens on the 17th September, 18.30 start.

What is the format?

The format will be a pre-dinner drinks reception and networking, tables for dinner, and a sprinkling of political awards and chat throughout that take a more satirical view of how politics is conducted and reported within the Scottish Parliament.

Is there a dress code?

The dress code is summer cocktail.

Can I book a table?

A table of ten costs £2000 + VAT. You can book your place by emailing ansley@holyrood.com [1].

Running Order

18:30 – Drinks reception
19:30 – Welcome from the host, Matt Forde
20:10 – Dinner served
21:45 – Awards ceremony
22:30 – Raffle and closing remarks
22:40 – MP4
23:00 – Editor's Club After Party with DJ Stuart Cosgrove
02:00 – Carriages

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Matt Forde is one of the country's most in-demand satirists, and host of Dave's ultra-topical political comedy show *Unspun with Matt Forde* which recently completed a fourth series. The show was nominated for Best Entertainment Programme at the 2017 Broadcast Digital Awards.

Matt's TV appearances include *The Royal Variety Performance* (ITV), *Have I Got News For You* (BBC

One), Mock the Week (BBC Two), Russell Howard's Good News (BBC Three) and Question Time (BBC One). In 2017, Matt presented a regular segment on The One Show commenting on the highlights of the election campaign trail.

Following nationwide tours of his previous three shows, Matt took to the Edinburgh Fringe in 2017 with 'A Show Hastily Rewritten in Light of Recent Events' which followed the political chaos of 2017 in the light of Brexit, the snap general election and Trump. The show toured the UK and was extended into 2018. Later this year, he returns to the Fringe with his latest show; Brexit Through the Gift Shop.

Matt hosts the monthly award-winning, sell-out show, The Political Party, performing his trademark topical current affairs stand-up, followed by an extended interview with a political heavyweight. Past guests have included Tony Blair, Alistair Campbell, Nigel Farage and Michael Portillo.

An avid sports fan, Matt has presented a number of programmes in this field including The Sports Party for talkSPORT, interviewing sporting figures alongside celebrity fans, and in 2016 hosted weekly radio show The Warm Up with Jon Richardson on the same station.

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