



JASON MANFORD TO HOST OLIVIER AWARDS

Jason Manford has been announced as the host of the Olivier Awards 2019 with Mastercard. Having previously hosted in 2017, the much loved comedian, actor and singer will return to the Royal Albert Hall for the glittering ceremony on Sunday 7 April.

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. It was recently announced that Jason will be starring in a new touring production of the Kander and Ebb musical Curtains from October this year.

Jason Manford said:

'I'm absolutely chuffed to bits to be back hosting the Olivier Awards at the Royal Albert Hall. Having worked in theatres all across the country doing both stand-up and musicals for the last 20 years, I know the hard work that goes into putting on a show. It's a privilege to host this star-studded evening and to celebrate the very best of all areas of British theatrical talent.'

Nominations for the Olivier Awards 2019 with Mastercard will be revealed on Tuesday 5 March at 1pm, via Facebook Premiere on the [Olivier Awards website](#).

The Olivier Awards ceremony will be broadcast via official media partners ITV, Magic Radio and Facebook. Full details to be announced soon.

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