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Off Menu and The Guilty Feminist podcasts to bring live shows to the Southbank Centre this Christmas



L-R: The Guilty Feminist Camp as Christmas © Tom Salinsky (Spontaneity Shop); Off Menu: The Christmas Dinner Party © Paul Gilbey

The Southbank Centre today announces new comedy shows this Christmas; two popular podcasts brought as live shows bringing merriness and mirth out of the headphones and onto the stage.

The Royal Festival Hall hosts *Off Menu: The Christmas Dinner Party* (20 December), a festive edition of the hugely popular 'Off Menu' podcast, which returns after its sell-out shows last summer, while *The Guilty Feminist Presents Camp as Christmas* (3 December), brings a star-studded, all LGBTQ+ line-up to the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Ed Gamble and **James Acaster's** award-winning Off Menu podcast made its hugely successful live debut at the Royal Festival Hall in 2021, with the comedians speaking to special guests Isy Suttie and Edgar Wright about their favourite starter, main course, side dish, drink and dessert. Since launching in December 2018, Off Menu has become one of the biggest podcasts in the country, regularly topping the podcast charts with over 100 million downloads. In the first live Christmas version, Gamble and Acaster as The Genie and the Maître Dream offer us a chance to go 'off-menu' in the decorated Dream Restaurant. The special guest is to be announced at a later date. Check southbankcentre.co.uk for updates.

The very best of the stage and screen feature in *The Guilty Feminist Presents Camp as Christmas*. Comedians **Deborah Frances-White** and **Tom Allen** host the popular podcast with an all LGBTQ+ line-up. **Rosie Jones, Larry Dean, Kemah Bob, Suzi Ruffell, Sophie Duker, Rob Diament** and **Russell Tovey** are billed to bring stand-up comedy, cheeky Christmas readings, music and surprise guests.

Through this one-off gala performance, The Guilty Feminist will support Say It Loud Club, a charity run for and by LGBTQ+ refugees fleeing homophobic oppression. The charity is committed to providing social, emotional, educational and advocacy support for LGBTQ+ refugees and asylum seekers in the UK.

Deborah Frances-White's award-winning podcast *The Guilty Feminist* hosts special guests to discuss the noble goals as 21st century feminists, confessing their insecurities, hypocrisies and fears that underlie their lofty principles. This special Christmas edition asks audiences to rock around the Christmas tree and see Daddy kissing Santa Claus.

Tickets go on sale to the Southbank Centre Members on Tuesday 4 October and on general sale on Wednesday 5 October.

LISTINGS DETAILS

The Guilty Feminist Presents Camp As Christmas

Saturday 3 December, 7.30pm Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, London, SE1 8XX Tickets £20 - £27.50 For ages 16+ This event will be Speech-To-Text transcribed.

Off Menu: The Christmas Dinner Party

Tuesday 20 December, 7.30pm Royal Festival Hall, Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, London, SE1 8XX Tickets £24 - £32 For ages 16+ Presented by Plosive Live in association with Avalon and PBJ. This event will be Speech-To-Text transcribed.

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About the Southbank Centre

The Southbank Centre is the UK's largest arts centre occupying a prominent riverside location that sits in the midst of London's most vibrant cultural quarter on the South Bank of the Thames. We exist to present great

cultural experiences that bring people together and we achieve this by providing the space for artists to create and present their best work and by creating a place where as many people as possible can come together to experience bold, unusual and eye-opening work. We want to take people out of the everyday, every day. The site has an extraordinary creative and architectural history stretching back to the 1951 Festival of Britain. The Southbank Centre is made up of the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and Hayward Gallery as well as being home to the National Poetry Library and the Arts Council Collection. It is also home to six Resident Orchestras (Aurora Orchestra, Chineke! Orchestra, London Philharmonic Orchestra, London Sinfonietta, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and Philharmonia Orchestra).

