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***Mad Men* star Allan Havey makes debut at Edinburgh Fringe**

Stand-up comedian and actor Allan Havey – star of *Mad Men* and *Billions* - is making his debut at this year's Edinburgh Fringe.

Loved for his dry wit and no-holds-barred humour, Allan will appear in a three-week show, *Allan Havey Stands Up*, at Sweet Novotel (Venue 188), a new venue in Edinburgh's city centre.

Known to TV viewers for his roles as Lou Avery in *Mad Men* and Karl Allard in *Billions*, Allan is a veteran of the U.S. comedy scene and highly respected by his comedy peers. He cut his teeth in New York's comedy and improv clubs and has been a regular at the popular Comedy Cellar in New York for three decades.

Described by the *New York Times* as "cocksure, irreverent, and very funny" and by Jon Stewart as "one of the best I've ever seen", Allan has worked with the comedy greats, from John Candy and Steve Martin to Chris Rock and Jerry Seinfeld.

His TV and film credits include *Mad Men*, *Billions*, *Crashing*, the U.S. version of *The Office*, *Seinfeld*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Rounders*, *Hail Caesar!* and *The Informant!* He famously victimized Kanye West on MTV's *Punk'd* and as Lou Avery in *Mad Men* he stood in for Don Draper during Don's forced hiatus from the advertising firm, coining the description "most hated man on TV".

In preparation for Edinburgh, Allan is looking forward to runs in New York (Comedy Cellar), London (Comedy Store) and Manchester (Comedy Store). Of his Fringe debut he said: "The Edinburgh Fringe has been on my bucket list for years. It's become like a mythical beast that needs to be slayed. Plus, the idea of doing 25 one-night stands without getting on a plane is too damn appealing."

On bringing his barbed humour to Fringe audiences, he said: "After 35 years without having to look over my shoulder, I'm making a prison break from American political correctness."

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Tickets and more information at <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/allan-havey-stands-up>

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Notes to editors

About the show

Allan Havey Stands Up runs from August 2-13 and 15-26 at Sweet Novotel, Novotel Edinburgh Centre Hotel, Lauriston Place, Edinburgh (Venue 188). The one-hour show starts at 7.10pm.

About Allan Havey

Originally from Miami, stand-up comedian, actor and writer Allan Havey has been doing stand-up work since the 1970s when he became a regular on New York's comedy club circuit. He made his national comedy debut on Late Night with David Letterman in 1986 and was later a host on HBO's The Comedy Channel.

Allan's acting credits include *Seinfeld*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Hancock*, the Coen Brothers' film *Hail Caesar!*, the U.S. version of *The Office* and the Amazon Studios series *The Man in the High Castle*. He is currently starring in *Billions* and is renowned for his role as Lou Avery in AMC's award-winning *Mad Men*.

Allan has worked with many comedy greats in his 30-year career, including Steve Martin, Buck Henry and the late John Candy in his early stand-up years. He has performed in comedy festivals all over the world, including the Just For Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal and the Kilkenny Comedy Festival in Ireland.

About the venue

Sweet Novotel at 80 Lauriston Place is one of two Sweet Venues at the Fringe – Sweet Novotel and Sweet Grassmarket. Between them they are putting on 72 Fringe shows.