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Lee Martin for Gag Reflex Management presents

### **JASON COOK in THE END (PART 1)** **NATIONAL TOUR – AUTUMN 2010** **September 2010 – January 2011**

#### **This year it's just the beginning.....**

After his hugely successful run at the Edinburgh Fringe this summer award winning and critically acclaimed comic **Jason Cook** returns takes his brand new show **The End (Part 1)** on the road throughout the autumn. The tour starts in Hemel Hempstead on the 11<sup>th</sup> September and runs through until Jan 30<sup>th</sup> where it finishes in York at the Hyena Lounge.

Jason faced his own death recently which kick started him into making his own life better. Apparently he's high maintenance and has set about changing that. So he wants to know if you're happy in your life? Truly happy? And if not what would you change? And what would happen if you were to face your own "The End"?

This year for a change, it's a show of two parts; part two will be performed at next year's fringe.

It's been a big year for Jason, world tours, awards won across the globe – he was even included in **Chortles Top 50 gigs of the decade**. Twice.

Jason is known for his dark razor sharp wit mixed with a healthy amount of heartwarming silliness and buffoonery. Behind his cheerful Geordie exterior lurks a dark, sharp comedic mind capable of taking an unsuspecting audience to places they didn't want to go. His true-to-life stories drag you in and won't let go. Jason is close to the edge but always intriguing and blessed with the sort of charm that'll have you laughing in spite of yourself.

Jason is also known for his writing, being the chief writer of the groundbreaking sketch show, Soup and also Die Clatterschenkietermaus. Jason has enjoyed world tours of his last three Edinburgh shows, winning the coveted **Best International Show** at the New Zealand Comedy Festival an award previously won by Eddie Izzard.

**"Jason Cook's latest show is a wonderfully life-affirming, beautifully crafted, total and utter joy. My jaw aches from laughing" ★★★★★ *Tim Arthur, Time Out***

**"Searingly honest, intensely personal, emotionally engaged style of comedy which has cemented his reputation" ★★★★★ *The Scotsman***

**"Such apparent honesty and emotion that Cook is impossible not to like" ★★★★★ *The List***

**"Cook is just such effervescent, easy going company that the hour whips by with not a moments lull. ...Jason Cook has more funny in his middle toe than most comics do in their whole body." ★★★★★ *Chortle.co.uk***

**"It's as touching as it is hilarious. Few people have his warmth and spontaneity; it's an act you could gladly watch again and again." ★★★★★ *The Skinny***

**"This is engrossing storytelling by a naturally funny man and the hour speeds by" *The Arts Desk***

**"There is something of the excitable ingenious child about Cook – he isn't afraid to be honest about his shortcomings and as such his show is remarkable for its candour. Witty and personable." ★★★★★ *Fest***

**"has everything one would want in a stand-up – wit, originality, attitude, Geordie accent, excellent material and a fantastic audience rapport. To top it all he also has that vital ingredient for a performer that so many of his colleagues shy away from – vulnerability." *The Stage***

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## JASON COOK - AUTUMN TOUR DATES 2010

DATE	TOWN AND VENUE	BOOKING INFORMATION
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Old Town Hall	01442 228091 <a href="http://www.oldtownhall.co.uk">www.oldtownhall.co.uk</a>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	WOLVERHAMPTON, The Slade Rooms	08703 207000 <a href="http://www.wolvescivic.co.uk">www.wolvescivic.co.uk</a>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	BASINGSTOKE, The Forge	01256 844244 <a href="http://www.anvilarts.org.uk">www.anvilarts.org.uk</a>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	BURNLEY, Mechanics	01282 664400 <a href="http://www.burnleymechanics.co.uk">www.burnleymechanics.co.uk</a>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	CARDIFF, St David's Hall	029 2087 8444 <a href="http://www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk">www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk</a>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	LONDON, Soho Theatre	020 7478 0100 <a href="http://www.sohotheatre.com">www.sohotheatre.com</a>
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	LONDON, Soho Theatre	020 7478 0100 <a href="http://www.sohotheatre.com">www.sohotheatre.com</a>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	BRIGHTON, Pavilion	01273 709709 <a href="http://www.brightondome.org">www.brightondome.org</a>
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	COVENTRY, Warwick Arts Centre	024 7652 4524 <a href="http://www.warwickartscentre.co.uk">www.warwickartscentre.co.uk</a>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	BATH, Rondo Theatre	01225 463362 <a href="http://www.ronothatre.co.uk">www.ronothatre.co.uk</a>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ALDERSHOT, West End Centre	01252 330040 <a href="http://www.3.hants.gov.uk/westendcentre">www.3.hants.gov.uk/westendcentre</a>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	MANCHESTER, Frog and Bucket	0161 236 9805 <a href="http://www.frogandbucket.com">www.frogandbucket.com</a>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	SHEFFIELD, Memorial Hall	0114 278 9789 <a href="http://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk">www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk</a>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	BRISTOL, Hen and Chickens	0117 902 0344 <a href="http://www.thecomedybox.co.uk">www.thecomedybox.co.uk</a>
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	ABERDEEN, Lemon Tree	01224 641122 <a href="http://www.boxofficeaberdeen.com">www.boxofficeaberdeen.com</a>
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	EDINBURGH, The Stand	0131 558 7272 <a href="http://www.thestand.co.uk">www.thestand.co.uk</a>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	GLASGOW, The Stand	0844 335 8879 <a href="http://www.thestand.co.uk">www.thestand.co.uk</a>
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	PRESTON, The Frog and Bucket	01772 200902 <a href="http://www.frogandbucket.com">www.frogandbucket.com</a>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	BLACKBURN, Windsor Suite	0844 847 1664 <a href="http://www.kinggeorghshall.com">www.kinggeorghshall.com</a>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	LEEDS, Highlight Club	0844 844 0044 <a href="http://www.thehighlight.co.uk/leeds">www.thehighlight.co.uk/leeds</a>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	HARTLEPOOL, Town Hall Theatre	01429 890000 <a href="http://www.tenfeettall.co.uk">www.tenfeettall.co.uk</a>
<b>JANUARY</b>		
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	MIDDLESBOROUGH, Town Hall	01642 729729 <a href="http://www.tenfeettall.co.uk">www.tenfeettall.co.uk</a>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	YORK, Hyena Lounge	0871 902 5726 <a href="http://www.hyenalounge.co.uk">www.hyenalounge.co.uk</a>