**MARTIN BAYFIELD’S RUGBY LEGENDS**

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**In Conversation With Other Giants Of The Game Across The UK**

**September – November 2022**

From the police beat to the Hollywood movie screen to a Five Nations Grand Slam and MasterChef final, Martin Bayfield has had a varied life!

Join former England international and true giant of the game Martin Bayfield as he embarks on his ‘Rugby Legends’ UK tour. Starting on the 24th September 2022 at London’s Alexandra Palace Theatre and visiting another 11 venues from Edinburgh to Exeter, each unique show will see Martin take to the stage withformer players to reveal never-heard-before stories and incredible insight into the sport we all treasure.

**Martin says,**

*“This is the game I want to celebrate. The game of my youth, the game that became my family, the game that took me around the world and opened the door to so many unexpected wonders.*

*If you’ve played the game, you’ll nod your head and chuckle. If Rugby is new to you, you’ll shake your head in disbelief. It shouldn’t work, but it does, and that’s why I love it so much.*

*Joining me on this journey down Amnesia Avenue will be some great names from the game. Players who have made their mark, but perhaps more importantly players who for me have added the colour and the chaos.”*

Bedford 1975: a 5’4” 8-year-old Martin was finding himself useless at every sport he tried, describing his attempts at football as “woefully poor” and cricket “dangerously poor”, but swimming? “I was good at that. Slightly niche, but I’ll take it”! It would all change when a coach threw an odd-shaped ball accompanied by the wise words, “Hey, shorty, you’ll like this game”.

47 years on and Martin’s passion for the ‘insanely bonkers’ game has not diminished; now a top commentator for the sport with a successful TV and film career alongside motivational speaking work, he still relishes his playing career during the early years of the game, when internationals ran out alongside the club stalwarts and legends rubbed shoulders with the well-meaning incompetent.

The audience can expect stories with soon to be announced special guests about international games, local teams; legends emerging from coal mines, farms, police stations, classrooms, universities. Matches played on 6” of grass, mud in the winter, hard pan in the autumn and spring months. Riotous end of season tours and half cooked lasagne or chilli con carne after the game washed down with beer, then the long, meandering journey home.

**Venue Presales:** Thursday 9th September @ 10am

**Ticket Agent Presales:** Thursday 9th September @ 10am

**On Sale Date:** Friday 10th September @ 10am

**Prices:** From £30

**Ticket Link:** [www.myticket.co.uk](http://www.myticket.co.uk)

**September 2022**

Sat 24, London Alexandra Palace Theatre

Thur 29, Leicester Athena

Fri 30, Northampton Derngate

**October 2022**

Sat 01, Coventry Albany Theatre

Thur 06, Exeter Corn Exchange

Fri 07, Cardiff St David’s Hall

Sat 08, Bath Pavilion

Wed 19, Edinburgh Festival Theatre

Thur 20, Newcastle Tyne Theatre

**November 2022**

Fri 04, London Richmond Theatre

Sat 05, Cheltenham Town Hall

Sun 06, Salford Lowry Theatre

**Ticketing**

Venue Format – Reserved seating

Prices:

GA: £32.50 in London, Exeter, Coventry & Cheltenham, £30 all others

VIP: £95

VIP ticket includes:

* Post-show meet & greet (with photo)
* Premium seat in the front section of the auditorium
* Commemorative VIP gift

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