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## Geoff Norcott: BASIC BLOKE

80-date National Tour  
September 2023 - April 2024

***New national tour for star of *Have I Got News For You*, *A League Of Their Own*, *The Last Leg*, *Would I Lie to You?*, *Live At The Apollo*, *8 Out of Ten Cats*, *Backstage With Katherine Ryan* and many more!***

For his sixth UK tour, Geoff Norcott will be trying to make sense of the current cultural and political scene with his playfully provocative brand of humour. Whether it's the dire blandness of the two main parties or the shamelessly shoe-horned right-on messages in adverts and films, Geoff will continue to delve into areas much of comedy leaves well alone. But this time around he also has a mission. As well as casting his everyman eye over what's happening in wider society, Geoff is trying to unpick what's happening with your average bloke. Remember them? At a time when the behaviour of high-profile figures in comedy and entertainment is under scrutiny, Geoff is more focused than ever on what constitutes a good bloke.

**'He has become one of our most refreshingly funny comedians of any stripe.'**

★★★★ Dominic Maxwell, The Times

It's been a rough couple of years for blokes. Toxic masculinity has grabbed all the headlines and ruined it for your standard model, who have been put under the microscope like never before. At first glance, there's not much to examine – there's no Bloke 2.0.

Taking up his own bloke's-eye-view, Geoff can see that, despite the social media vortex, your man in the street, average Joe, man on the Clapham Omnibus and your John Smiths just keep plodding on, fuelled by a diet of football, sheds, super-hero films, sporting

autobiographies, wearing socks at all times and strategically burying feelings when necessary.

However, under the paraphernalia of manhood and the sometimes basic, even primal, behaviour of dads and lads, Geoff can see that there is something mysterious and definitely non-toxic going on.

A kindly and funny stock-take of both himself his fellow man, **BASIC BLOKE** unlocks some of the more complicated behaviour of your husbands, dads and brothers.

**'Has a teasing style which ensures that the laughs roll in like waves as routines build to big pay-offs.'**

★★★★ Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard

Geoff has a string of top-level credits to his name including: *Have I Got News For You* (BBC2), *The Last Leg* (C4), *Would I Lie To You?* (BBC1), *Backstage with Katherine Ryan* (Prime Video), *Mock the Week* (BBC2), *Live at The Apollo* (BBC2), *Offended by Irvine Welsh* (Sky Arts), *The Mash Report* (BBC2), *8 Out of 10 Cats* (C4). *The Duchess* (Netflix) *A League Of Their Own* (Sky) *Late Night Mash* (Dave), *Richard Osman's House Of Games* (BBC Two) *Countdown* (Channel 4) *Comedians Giving Lectures* (Dave), and *The Complaints Department* (Comedy Central).

This month Geoff returned to *Live at the Apollo* to host his own episode.

Other broadcast credits include his own documentary, *How The Middle Class Ruined Britain* (BBC2) (★★★★★ FT) and (to date) four Radio 4 specials, one of which won 'Best Comedy' at BBC Radio & Music Awards.

Meanwhile, Geoff continues to be a feature in the world of political and social commentary, with regular appearances on political programmes including *Question Time*, *Politics Live*, *Peston*, and *All Out Politics*. Geoff hosted a radio show for the first time in 2020, frequently deputising for Giles Coren and Hugo Rifkind on **Times Radio**. Geoff has also made regular appearances on *Chiles on Friday* (BBC Radio 5 live). Meanwhile, on BBC Radio 4, Geoff has made regular appearances on *The News Quiz*, *The Now Show*, and he has also appeared multiple times on *Breaking The News* (BBC Radio Scotland).

As well as writing for all the major topical comedy programmes, Geoff is also extending his forays into scripted comedy with credits for Tom Davis' *King Gary* (BBC1) and Stephen Merchant's *The Outsiders* (BBC2), with an exciting new project in development with production company Mammoth.

In 2021, Geoff released his first book, the memoir *Where Did I Go Right (How the Left Lost Me)*. It garnered praise from comics including Romesh Ranganathan, Katherine Ryan and David Baddiel, and enjoyed 5-star reviews across Amazon (where it was a long-running No.1 best-seller in political comedy), Audible and Waterstones.

**'He's a class act with a mature, sharp take on modern politics.'**

Sunday Times

**For images:**

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**Tour Listing:**

**Title:** Geoff Norcott

**Duration:** 90 minutes including support + interval

**Link for all tour dates:** <https://www.livenation.co.uk/artist-geoff-norcott-1252793>

General onsale: Friday 3rd February, 10.00am

**Tour runs September 6, 2023 to April 27, 2024 - tour stops, in order, are:**

Leamington Spa, Saffron Walden, Maidstone, Leeds, London, High Wycombe, Birmingham, Lincoln, York, Halifax, Leicester, Norwich, Cheltenham, Peterborough, Bedford, Cardiff, Swindon, Bristol, Exeter, Spalding, London, Brighton, Carlisle, Stockton-on-Tees, Newcastle, Folkestone, Cambridge, Maidenhead, Salisbury, Monmouth, Hedge End, Lyme Regis, Taunton, Verwood, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Dundee, Belfast, Dublin, Milton Keynes, Colchester, Manchester / 2024 – Maidenhead, King's Lynn, Aldershot, Chorley, Mansfield, Loughborough, Solihull, Kendal, Lancaster, Middlesbrough, Newport, Tewkesbury, Stevenage, Winchester, Worthing, Bath, Coventry, Ipswich, Bristol, Nottingham, Chester, Crewe, Shrewsbury, Crawley, Reading, Sale, Redditch, Wimborne, Southend, Wellingborough, Ilkley and Southport.

**Geoff's video, website and social media links:**

**For a wide variety of panel show, stand up and political clips, check out Geoff's YouTube channel:**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/GeoffNorcott>

**Website:** [www.geoffnorcott.co.uk](http://www.geoffnorcott.co.uk)

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