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CKP and InterTalent presents:

KEN CHENG

BEST DAD EVER



****UK TOUR ANNOUNCED FOR SPRING 2019****

TICKETS ON GENERAL SALE FROM FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER AT 9AM

*"a show rich with clever and well-written jokes" **** - Voice*

"A fiercely accomplished talent" - The Scotsman

"Smart, impressive and brilliantly funny tour-de-comedy" - Chortle

"Cheng clearly is a gifted comedy writer" - Young Perspective

Following two sold-out runs at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Dave's Joke Of The Fringe winner **Ken Cheng** is hitting the road in 2019 on his debut UK tour. As one of the most exciting up-and-coming talents on the UK circuit, Ken will be travelling the UK with his critically acclaimed show **Best Dad Ever** – one of The Guardian's Best Shows of the Edinburgh Festival 2018.

Born to Chinese immigrants in the UK, Ken never had the most normal upbringing. **Best Dad Ever** is a tale of his unique childhood, exploring his obsession with toy lambs and his complicated relationship with his parents - aided again by his trusty PowerPoint presentation.

Kicking off with two nights at London's VAULT Festival on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th January, **Best Dad Ever** will tour until May 2019. Tickets are on general sale from **9am on Friday 16th November** from www.kencheng.co.uk/tour-dates. Pre-sale tickets are available now to fans subscribed to Ken's mailing list and his social media followers. Please find full dates and listings information below.

Before unearthing his comedic talent, Ken followed an interesting career path. Whilst studying for a maths degree at Cambridge University Ken found a passion for poker. On realising his potential as a professional poker player, he dropped out of Cambridge to pursue this full-time for nine years before setting his sights on the comedy stage.

Ken has had a very exciting three years since he first burst on to the comedy scene in 2015 when he reached the final of the BBC New Comedy Award. In 2017, he made his debut at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with his show **Chinese Comedian**, which sold out it's run at The Pleasance and garnered much critical acclaim. He then went on to perform sold out runs at London's Vaults Festival and The British Library in March 2018 with the same show.

Following the success of his 2018 Edinburgh Festival Fringe run where **Best Dad Ever** was nominated for the Amused Moose Best Show Award, Ken performed the show to a sold audience at London's Southbank Centre in October 2018.

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The last 12 months has been particularly thrilling for Ken with numerous TV and radio opportunities under his belt.

Ken has hosted his very own four-part series on BBC Radio 4 - *Ken Cheng: Chinese Comedian*. The first episode aired on Wednesday 3rd October and is available now on BBC iPlayer. He is also hosting a further BBC Radio 4 special *Game Over, Humans*, which will air on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day this year and will be appearing on BBC Radio 4's *The Now Show* in November.

On the small screen, Ken has recently been announced as host of brand new 10-episode gameshow series *Hangover Games* on E4, alongside fellow comedian Matt Richardson. He will also be appearing on ITV2's brand new comedy show *The Stand Up Sketch Show*. Both of these new series are due to air in early 2019.

Ken will also be taking part in *Dave's Advent Calendar* where 24 comedians create short festive films for the channel. The two-minute clips will be broadcast at 9pm daily, concluding on Christmas Eve 2018.

Other TV and Radio appearances include: *Comedy Central At The Comedy Store* on Comedy Central, BBC Three Top Ten short titled *Proverbs Ken Cheng Hates*, BBC Two's *Celebrity Eggheads* and Liam Williams' BBC Radio 4 show *Ladhood*. Ken was also selected as one of *Comedy Central's Ones To Watch* and for the *BBC's New Talent Hotlist* in 2017.

Alongside his TV and Radio work, Ken has a rapidly increasing online audience, especially on Twitter. This follows a viral Twitter thread where he disrespected the flag of every country which gained world-wide attention and news coverage.

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KEN CHENG – BEST DAD EVER 2019 TOUR DATES

Saturday 26th January	VAULT Festival, London (on sale 4 th Dec)		www.vaultfestival.com
Sunday 27th January	VAULT Festival, London (on sale 4 th Dec)		www.vaultfestival.com
Wednesday 30th January	Cambridge, Cambridge Junction	01223 511 511	www.junction.co.uk
Saturday 2nd February	Hemelvaart Bier Café, Aton	07377 364266	www.hemelvaart.co.uk
Thursday 7th February	Norden Farm, Maidenhead	01628 788 997	www.norden.farm
Friday 8th February	Manchester, The Dancehouse	0161 237 9753	www.thedancehouse.co.uk
Saturday 9th February	Southend, Palace Theatre (Studio)	01702 351 135	www.southendtheatres.org.uk
Saturday 23rd February	Just The Tonic @ Brewdog Leicester	0116 456 6812	www.comedy-festival.co.uk
Wednesday 6th March	Shrewsbury, Henry Tudor House	01743 361 666	www.henrytudorhouse.com
Saturday 9th March	Peterborough, Key Theatre	01733 207 239	www.vivacity.org
Thursday 28th March	Bristol, Hen & Chicken		www.thecomedybox.co.uk
Saturday 30th April	York, The Basement York	0871 902 5747	www.thebasementyork.co.uk
Tuesday 30th April	Colchester, Arts Centre	01206 500 900	www.colchesterartscentre.com
Friday 3rd May	Bromsgrove, Artrix	01527 577 330	www.artrix.co.uk
Saturday 4th May	Tiverton, TCAT	07443 502 523	www.comedyhall.co.uk
Friday 31st May	Swindon, Arts Centre	01793 524 481	www.swindontheatres.co.uk

Tickets for all shows are also available from See Tickets at kencheng.seetickets.com/tour/ken-cheng.

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