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PRESS RELEASE

**Off The Kerb Productions in association with
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THE ONE AND MANY...
Alistair McGowan
8pm, Friday 13 November 2009

Alistair McGowan will tour Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Friday 13th November, 8pm.

"Wickedly funny mimicry" - Sunday Mirror

"Entertainment is guaranteed in the form of McGowan's astonishing talent for mimicry" – The
Guardian

"Classy" – Metro

The nation's favourite impressionist, **Alistair McGowan** (*The Big Impression*), fresh from a sell out run at the **Edinburgh Fringe Festival** is set to embark on his first solo stand-up tour in ten years. Alistair will take to the road (and the rails) this autumn with a brand new one-man show, resurrecting his legendary celebrity impressions and introducing audiences to a host of never-before-heard voices along the way. However, Alistair's stand-up is about much more than impersonation – expect sharp observations, poetry and romance, animals and surrealism, love and anger, wordplay and 'greenery' as well as footballers and film stars.

No make-up or costume changes ... just one man, a microphone and an amazing multitude of voices – including most importantly, his own.

Although best known for the BAFTA winning *'The Big Impression'*, Alistair is also a highly-acclaimed actor whose theatre work includes : *'Little Shop of Horrors'* (Duke of York's Theatre – for which he received an Olivier nomination) *'Merry Wives: The Musical'* (RSC), *Measure For Measure* (for Thelma Holt) and *'Cabaret'* (Lyric Theatre). Television Appearances include *'Bleak House'* (BBC One), *'Mayo'* (BBC One) *'Who Do You Think You Are?'* (BBC One) and *'Have I Got News For You'* (BBC One).

A passionate campaigner for a number of environmental issues, Alistair serves as an ambassador for WWF-UK and was pivotal in the 2009 Greenpeace attempt to prevent a third runway being built at Heathrow.

Alistair has a busy year ahead. As well as the stand-up tour and Edinburgh shows, he releases a new book, co-written with Ronni Ancona, entitled *A Matter of Life and Death (or 'How to Wean A Man Off Football')* due out in October and published by Faber and Faber; His self-penned play will be

premiering at The King's Head in Islington for six weeks in October and later this year sees the UK theatrical release of his brand new film 'My Life in Ruins' starring Nia Vardalos (*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*) and Richard Dreyfuss.

Tickets for this performance are £15 and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre ticket office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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