

Media release for the Garden Centre Association

GCA dinner compere announced oh-aye!

RADIO and TV comedian Fred MacAulay will be compering the Garden Centre Association's (GCA) conference awards' dinner next month (January, 2017).

The Highland wit and BBC Scotland stalwart will host the annual event on Tuesday, January 24 at St Andrews.

Iain Wylie, Chief Executive of the GCA, said: "Fred originally studied at the University of Dundee and graduated with an MA in Accountancy and Jurisprudence. He was also a Rector of the university, so you might think he'd be an unlikely candidate for becoming a comedian, but not so!

"He took the stand-up comedy scene by storm in the early 1990s and has gone on to become a regular at the Edinburgh Fringe and at comedy festivals worldwide.

"He has also appeared on many Radio 4 comedy panel shows including 'I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue', 'Just A Minute', 'The Unbelievable Truth' and 'The News Quiz' and has hosted live stand-up tours nationwide."

For nearly 18 years he presented 'MacAulay and Co.' on BBC Radio Scotland and can boast a string of TV appearances on both sides of the border.

"Fred's on air witticisms and on screen reputation are the product of years of experience on the live circuit, including a stint as the first ever-Scottish compere at the Comedy Store in London."

He has also been a panelist on TV shows including 'Mock the Week', 'QI' and 'Have I Got News For You'.

Iain added: "We're really pleased Fred has agreed to compere our awards, which will have a real Scottish flavor this year. It's not too late to book if you are hoping to attend, please visit the members' section of our website via www.gca.org.uk to secure your place.

"With a super venue, a great line-up of speakers and plenty of opportunities to catch up with old friends from the industry, this year is definitely the conference to attend if you've never been before.

"To book, please visit the members' section of our website via www.gca.org.uk. Sponsorship slots have filled up well too but there are still one or two left so if any companies are interested in this, please give me a call."

The GCA's annual conference will be held at St Andrews in Scotland between January 22 and 25, 2017. More than 300 delegates are expected to attend the event.

For other information, please call 01244 952170, visit www.gca.org.uk, log on to www.facebook.com/pages/GardenCentreAssociation or follow the organisation on Twitter at www.twitter.com/GC_Association.

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Photo caption: Radio and TV comedian Fred MacAulay, who will be compering the awards dinner at the Garden Centre Association's (GCA) conference next month (January, 2017).