

Media release for the Garden Centre Association

Comedian Hal Cruttenden to comper GCA dinner

RADIO and TV comedian, writer and actor Hal Cruttenden will be compering the awards dinner at the Garden Centre Association's (GCA) conference next month (January 26, 2016).

The talented entertainer will host the annual event on Tuesday, January 26 at The Grand Hotel in Brighton.

Iain Wylie, Chief Executive of the GCA, said: "Hal is one of the top comedians working in the UK today, as well as being a highly accomplished writer and actor.

"During the last year he's made his second appearance on 'The Royal Variety Performance', hosted 'Live at the Apollo' and was the guest comic in the final of 'The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice'.

"He's also appeared on 'Would I Lie To You?', 'Have I Got News For You', 'Sunday Night at the Palladium', 'Mock The Week', 'Pointless Celebrities', 'Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled' and wrote and performed in his own Radio 4 sitcom called 'Hal'."

The talented comedian has been nominated for the prestigious Perrier and The Chortle Awards and his recent tour – Tough Luvvie – saw him perform 170 dates.

Having originally trained at the Central School of Speech and Drama, his acting career has included roles on TV including 'Shackleton', 'Eastenders', 'Out of the Blue', 'Touching Evil' and 'Bramwell'.

He has also been in the movies 'The Madness of King George' and 'Mrs Dalloway'. In the theatre he has appeared in 'Making News at the Edinburgh Festival' and 'Orwell A Celebration' at Trafalgar Studios London and the Edinburgh Festival.

Iain added: "We're really looking forward to Hal's appearance and 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 book 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's conference is set to be a fantastic occasion, especially as it's our golden jubilee in 2016.

"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 companies are interested in this, please give me a call."

The GCA's annual conference will be held at The Grand Hotel in Brighton from January 24 until 27, 2016. More than 300 delegates are expected to attend the event.

For further information, please call 0118 930 8918. Alternatively, visit www.gca.org.uk, log on to www.facebook.com/GardenCentreAssociation or follow the organisation on Twitter at www.twitter.com/GC_Association.

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Photo caption: Radio and TV comedian, writer and actor Hal Cruttenden, who will be compering the awards dinner at the Garden Centre Association's (GCA) conference next month (January 26, 2016).