

CLAIRE SWEENEY TAKES THE LEAD ROLE IN A NEW COMEDY ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS AND THE MYSTERIES OF MEN



ON STAGE ... Claire Sweeney is coming to the Sunderland Empire in comedy Sex In Suburbia.

Seeing the funny side of dating and the quest to find Mr Right

A COMEDY play is set on exploring the mysteries of men, dating and finding Mr Right. Sex In Suburbia is on its way to the Sunderland Empire for one night only. **VICKI NEWMAN** found out more from leading lady Claire Sweeney.

LIFE as a singleton can be difficult to navigate, but a new comedy play is hoping to hit the spot.

Sex In Suburbia is setting out to uncover the mysteries of men, the dilemmas of dating, and most importantly, exactly how to find Mr Right.

The show is at the Sunderland Empire for one night only on Monday, March 9. It was co-written by Brookside actress Claire Sweeney and Mandy Mudén and follows the host of a late-night radio phone-in show.

Manning the phones is Britain's leading agony aunt, who is more than happy to dish out relationship advice.

The show, which is touring the UK, also invites brave audience members to share their own personal dating stories live on stage.

Those who do will be rewarded with a goodie bag from adult store Ann Summers.



Claire, who also stars in the show, said: "The idea for the show came from all the appallingly bad dates my friends and I have ever experienced."

"We'd tell each other what had happened and get over the horror of the experiences by laughing about them. Then, about two years ago, my close friend Mandy Mudén and I started writing them all down in my front room with the notion of turning them into a comedy."

"At first we weren't even sure if we were funny. But the play went down a

storm with the audiences last year when it first opened in Liverpool. We take them through every emotion and they enjoy themselves so much that they get up to dance in the aisles and sing along to the big musical anthems we've included, such as I'm Every Woman, I Want to Break Free and, of course, I Will Survive.

"It's all about the eternal subject of love and romance, and the quest to find Mr Right through a series of mainly unsatisfactory dating experiences. But we've tried to take the bad out of the date

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my baby boy Jaxon, who was born in September, has changed my outlook on life around. As a result, I've injected my own personal experiences of motherhood into the show."

Tickets cost from £21.90. To book, go to www.ATGtickets.com/Sunderland or call the box office on 0844 871 3022.

We've got a pair of tickets to give away for the 7.30pm show.

To be in with a chance of winning, just tell us who Claire co-wrote the show with.

Fill out the coupon and send it to Vicki Newman, Sex In Suburbia, Shields Gazette, Northeast Press, Pennywell Industrial Estate, Sunderland, SR4 9ER. Twitter: @shieldsgazvicki



COMEDY SHOW... left, Claire Sweeney, who co-wrote Sex in Suburbia, which is coming to Sunderland Empire.

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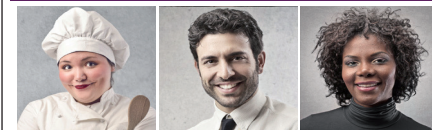


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