

BAFTAS 2016

A celebration of television's brightest stars

The House of Fraser Bafta TV awards on Sunday 8 May will round off another fantastic year for British talent. In this remarkable portfolio of some of the biggest names on the small screen, everyone from Sharon Horgan to Colin Morgan, and Katherine Parkinson to Stephen Mangan, plus a host of others, reveal their highlights from the TV year

Fred Sirieix

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"Whatever I do, I want it to be successful, but I never anticipated how popular First Dates would become," twinkles everyone's favourite love guru, Fred Sirieix. "By the way, I didn't give myself that title!" he laughs. Such is the popularity of C4's dating programme (2.5 million tuned in to the last series) the First Dates restaurant, Paternoster Chop House in London, is booked out months in advance. "Everyone wants to visit," says Sirieix. "We are all fools for love."

But Sirieix isn't about to let his new-found fame go to his head. Despite legions of fans turning up at Galvin at Windows, the Michelin-starred restaurant on Park Lane where he works by day, he says: "I'm not about to go off to Hollywood. I'm no spring chicken. I'm just on a journey in life like everybody else."

Childhood TV: I was addicted to TV adverts as a kid. I still remember the jingles to my favourites - the Evian one stands out.

Favourite current shows: Celebrity Juice cracks me up, and I love Alan Carr - he's funny man, but sharp as a knife.

Reality show he'd appear on: Strictly Come Dancing, although I have two left feet - I can't dance at all.

Photographer: Jonathan Birch. Fred wears Hull jacket and waistcoat by New & Lingwood and Destin shirt by Kenneth Cole

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