# Walliams and Lucas hint at Little Britain revival during ITV appearance



David Walliams and Matt Lucas have indicated the possibility of a revival of their well-known comedy series, Little Britain, during a live appearance on the ITV show Lorraine on Wednesday, March 12. The duo, who created and starred in the controversial sketch show, were promoting their new podcast, Making A Scene, and shared reflections on their past work as well as future prospects.

Little Britain originally aired on BBC Three and BBC One from 2003 to 2006, with a total of 44 episodes across three seasons. The series was notable for its use of various characters, narrated by Tom Baker. However, it has been mired in controversy since its removal from major streaming platforms in June 2020. The show faced backlash due to its portrayal of characters using blackface, which critics deemed no longer socially acceptable.

During the interview with presenter Lorraine Kelly, Walliams was queried about the show's potential return, to which he responded, "Would you like to see it? We'll do it especially for you." Lucas elaborated on the idea, suggesting, "If we were to do it again, maybe on stage, or something like that. We did a tour 20 years ago, it was great fun, I think that would be a good way to do it again."

Kelly acknowledged the resurgence of Little Britain’s popularity among younger audiences, particularly through social media platforms like TikTok. Walliams noted, "Well, my son is 11. Everyone at his school is talking about it... It’s a whole new generation discovering it. I think those social media things are great for one/two minute clips."

The conversation also touched upon the evolving landscape of comedy and the concept of "cancel culture." David commented on the frequency with which people inquire about new material from Little Britain: "Every day someone comes up to me in the street." He also said, "We've all been cancelled at some point. They can't do it again," highlighting his and Lucas's awareness of the complex reactions surrounding their past work.

The programme has divided opinions since its airing, with Ofcom research published in 2023 labelling it as “explicitly racist and outdated.” This has sparked discussions on whether parts of the show could still be deemed humorous in contemporary society. Kelly remarked, "Some of it is a bit you'd get into trouble if you did that now. But a hell of a lot of it is still as funny as it ever was. If you don't want to watch it, don't watch it."

Little Britain premiered on BBC Radio 4 before transitioning to television and included fan-favourite characters such as Lou and Andy, Daffyd Thomas, and Vicky Pollard. The show's controversial elements, particularly surrounding its portrayal of characters from various ethnic backgrounds through the use of make-up, have led to significant discussions and changes in comedic boundaries.

In addition to discussing Little Britain, Walliams and Lucas's appearance on Lorraine also saw the pair invite Kelly to join them on their podcast, humourously addressing her concerns about censorship. The dialogue showcased the duo's camaraderie and willingness to explore new avenues for their comedic talent in an ever-evolving cultural climate. As the interview concluded, Lorraine expressed enthusiasm for the ongoing need for laughter in today’s world.

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