

Doug Stanhope *Before Turning The Gun On Himself*

Artist: Doug Stanhope
DVD: *Before Turning The Gun On Himself*
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"Doug Stanhope might be the most important stand up working today"
– **Ricky Gervais**

"If there's a comedian out there who is as vital as Stanhope I haven't heard him or her yet"
– **The Independent**

Doug Stanhope is set to release his tenth DVD *Before Turning the Gun on Himself* on **Roadrunner Comedy**, the sister label to **Roadrunner Records**, home to bands like **Slipknot**, **Rush** and **Rob Zombie**. The DVD will come with a bonus audio CD plus to coincide with the DVD release, he will also be hitting the road, doing an extensive UK tour throughout March and April. Stanhope's act offers a potent double dose of the abrasive, brutally honest brand of standup comedy that has established him as a one-of-a-kind phenomenon.

Stanhope's confrontational rants, whose live show was twice named **Best Stand-Up Show** of the year by **Time Out New York**, encompasses caustic social commentary, outlandish first-person narratives, graphic sex and perversion, sometimes within the same sentence. Fuelled by equal amounts of anger, outrage and alcohol, Stanhope rails against western civilisation's slide into apathy and stupidity, always on the edge of implosion yet fully in control and never afraid to risk alienating his audiences.

In a field crowded with conformists and copycats, Stanhope is a genuinely original comic voice, albeit a gleefully vulgar one. "A visionary douchebag" says **The Times**. Raw, agitated and unflinching, he holds forth on all manner of major injustices and petty annoyances, excoriating himself as much as any of his other targets. But Stanhope's venomous bile is matched by his passion and conviction, as well as a fierce intellect that gives his work a level of substance and subtlety that belies his snarling exterior. His comedy is as corrosive as it is hilarious, and his righteous self-immolation is exhilarating and life affirming in its cathartic honesty.

Stanhope completed a 25-date residency in at London's **Leicester Square Theatre** in August 2011 to rave reviews and sold out shows. **Metro** lauded Stanhope with five stars saying, "*Searing, relevant and brilliantly funny, there's good reason why Stanhope is often cited as one of the greatest comedians on the planet... If fearless stand-up is your bag, you'd be a fool to miss him.*" The comedian has also been compared to such fearless comic revolutionaries as **Lenny Bruce**, **Richard Pryor**, **Sam Kinison** and **Bill Hicks**. But his work makes it abundantly clear that he's a complete original.

- **Doug Stanhope's official website:** www.dougstanhope.com
- **Roadrunner Comedy:** www.roadrunnercomedy.com
- **Roadrunner Records:** www.roadrunnerrecords.co.uk

If you would like a promo copy of the DVD, physical and digital copies are available. Please note however that physical copies are extremely limited.



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DVD & TOUR PRESS RELEASE

Doug Stanhope UK Tour 2012

Alongside the release of his new DVD, **Doug Stanhope** will be embarking on a mammoth 40-date UK tour (6th March to 21st April 2012) culminating in a finale at London's **Hammersmith Apollo**.

March 2012

Tuesday 6th - Albert Halls - **Bolton**
Wednesday 7th - Waterside - **Aylesbury**
Thursday 8th - Journal Theatre - **Newcastle**
Friday 9th - Cresset - **Peterborough**
Saturday 10th - Assembly Hall Theatre - **Tunbridge Wells**
Sunday 11th - Civic Halls - **Wolverhampton**
Wednesday 14th - Empire - **Sunderland**
Thursday 15th - Southport Theatre - **Southport**
Friday 16th - St Georges Concert Hall - **Bradford**
Saturday 17th - Winding Wheel - **Chesterfield**
Sunday 18th - Lyric Theatre - **Lowry**
Wednesday 21st - Victoria Hall - **Stoke On Trent**
Thursday 22nd - Pavilion Theatre - **Bournemouth**
Friday 23rd - St Albans Arena - **St Albans**
Saturday 24th - Marlowe - **Canterbury**
Sunday 25th - Milton Keynes Theater - **Milton Keynes**
Tuesday 27th - Playhouse - **Edinburgh**
Thursday 29th - Music Hall - **Aberdeen**
Friday 30th - Kings Theatre - **Glasgow**
Saturday 31st - Eden Court - **Inverness**

April 2012

Thursday 5th - Princess Theatre - **Torquay**
Saturday 7th - Guildhall - **Portsmouth**
Sunday 8th - Hippodrome - **Bristol**
Tuesday 10th - St David Hall - **Cardiff**
Wednesday 11th - Orchard Theatre - **Dartford**
Thursday 12th - Cliffs Pavilion - **Southend**
Friday 13th - The Anvil - **Basingstoke**
Saturday 14th - Marlowe - **Canterbury**
Monday 16th - Philharmonic - **Liverpool**
Tuesday 17th - Engine Shed - **Lincoln**
Wednesday 18th - Reading Concert Hall - **Reading**
Thursday 19th - Dorking Halls - **Dorking**
Saturday 21st - Hammersmith Apollo - **London**

