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## **MR. JOE JACKSON PRESENTS “THE TWO ROUNDS OF RACKET TOUR”**

*UK/EU Tour Hitting 26 Cities in late Summer and Autumn 2024,  
Featuring Joe Jackson solo set followed by Joe Jackson with a 9 piece band  
playing the music of Max Champion*

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**New Album Now Available On earMUSIC:  
*Mr. Joe Jackson presents: Max Champion in 'What A Racket!'***

Hamburg, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Following the newly released album by earMUSIC, ***Mr. Joe Jackson presents: Max Champion in 'What A Racket!'*** – reviving the songs of enigmatic early 20th-century English Music Hall artist **Max Champion** – renowned musician and producer **Joe Jackson** announces **Europe dates** for his **“Two Rounds**

**Of Racket Tour**". After appearing in 19 cities across the U.S. in summer 2024, Joe Jackson takes his nine-piece band across the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, France, UK and Ireland for two months. 26 dates in 25 cities. On-sale for tickets will begin **Friday 10am GMT** for Germany, and **Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>** everywhere else at [www.joejackson.com](http://www.joejackson.com).

**"The Two Rounds Of Racket Tour"** promises to be festive, fun, and unlike anything else music fans will see next (or any other) year. The show will be in two parts: a solo set by Joe Jackson of his original songs, and a set based on the album ***What A Racket!*** – the first performance in more than 100 years of the songs of forgotten Music Hall genius **Max Champion**, with Joe and a nine-piece band.

**Max Champion** was born in 1882 in London's East End and is thought to have been related to the great Victorian entertainer Harry Champion. As an up-and-coming performer he shared the stage with big stars such as Gus Ellen and Vesta Tilley, but his career (much like the Music Hall era itself) was cut short by the First World War, and his songs faded into obscurity. That is, until 2014, when Max Champion sheet music started to surface: first in Malta, then in England, and, intriguingly, in Belgium, where Max probably met his end in the trenches. By 2019, enough songs had been recovered for Joe Jackson to resurrect them with a 12-piece orchestra.

According to producer Joe Jackson, *"These were wonderful songs in their time, but they're surprisingly modern, too. Sometimes it's almost as if Max is speaking, from his London of the early 20th century, directly to us in the early 21st."*

A newly released documentary now sheds light on the early 20th century artist from England.

[WATCH THE DOCUMENTARY ABOUT MAX CHAMPION](#)

**Music Hall** originated in 19th-century London, transitioning from pubs and street performances to grand theaters by 1900. It attracted a diverse audience, spanning from commoners to aristocrats. The songs in this genre depicted life in the Victorian and Edwardian eras, often infused with humor, satire, sentimentality, patriotism, and occasionally darker themes like jealousy and murder. Some songs were also risqué but cleverly expressed.

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***Mr. Joe Jackson presents: Max Champion in 'What A Racket!'***

**(Release Date: earMUSIC, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023)**

#### **TRACK LISTING**

1. (Overture): Why, Why, Why?
2. The Sporting Life
3. Dear Old Mum -- A London-Irish Lament
4. Monty Mundy (Is Maltese)!
5. The Shades Of Night
6. What A Racket!
7. The Bishop And The Actress
8. Think Of The Show! -- A Thespian's Lament
9. Never So Nice In The Morning
10. Health & Safety

## 11. Worse Things Happen At Sea

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### JOE JACKSON – “THE TWO ROUNDS OF RACKET TOUR”

Monday, Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Netherlands, Groningen	De Oosterpoort
Wednesday, Sept 11 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	Netherlands, Amsterdam	Carre
Thursday, Sept 12 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	Netherlands, Eindhoven	Muziekgebouw
Saturday, Sept 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Netherlands, Nijmegen	De Veeringing
Monday, Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Germany, Bremen	Metropol Theatre
Tuesday, Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Germany, Berlin	Admiralspalast
Thursday, Sept 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Germany, Stuttgart	Beethovensaal
Saturday, Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	Luxembourg, Luxembourg	Conservatoire
Sunday, Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	Netherlands, Utrecht	Tivoli Vredenburg
Monday, Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	Belgium, Brussels	Cirque Royal
Wednesday, Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Belgium, Liege	Forum
Friday, Sept 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Belgium, Antwerp	De Roma
Monday, Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	France, Paris	La Cigalle
Thursday, Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	UK, Manchester	Ritz O2
Friday, Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UK, Glasgow	O2 Academy
Sunday, Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UK, Brighton	Dome
Monday, Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UK, Leicester	De Montfort Hall
Tuesday, Oct 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UK, Cambridge	Corn Exchange
Thursday, Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UK, Portsmouth	Guildhall
Saturday, Oct 12 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	UK, Buxton	Opera House
Monday, Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UK, Birmingham	Town Hall
Tuesday, Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UK, Bath	Forum
Thursday, Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UK, London	Alexandra Palace Theatre
Friday, Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UK, London	Alexandra Palace Theatre
Sunday, Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	UK, Belfast	Ulster Hall
Monday, Oct 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	Ireland, Dublin	3Olympia Theatre

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