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## **LET IT SHINE - BRAND NEW ENTERTAINMENT SHOW FROM BBC ONE AND GARY BARLOW, PREMIERING ON UKTV IN 2017**

**Dannii Minogue, Martin Kemp, Amber Riley and Lulu** join Gary Barlow for the hotly-anticipated new show, featuring the music of Take That.



BBC One's brand new Saturday night entertainment show *Let it Shine*, in conjunction with **Gary Barlow** and presented by **Graham Norton** and **Mel Giedroyc**, is the latest new show to come to UKTV's line-up following its recent channel refresh.

Premiering on UKTV in early 2017, *Let It Shine* will be seeking out talent to create a band who will join the cast of a brand new stage show featuring the music of Take That.

Gary Barlow will be joined on the judging panel by singer, actress and global talent show judge **Dannii Minogue**, and actor, musician and Spandau Ballet star **Martin Kemp**, to find the very best talent the country has to offer.

Over eight weeks of competition, the judges will be looking for talented individuals to form a new group that exudes the charisma, showmanship and stage presence that Take That has become so famous for.

The winning group will perform the hits of the band in a nationwide musical stage show called *The Band*, created in association with Gary Barlow, Mark Owen and Howard Donald.

Gary Barlow says: “Back in 1989, we were just a group of normal guys from Manchester who came together to become Take That. The secret to our success was that each of us brought something different to the group and that the five of us had real chemistry. Now with *Let It Shine* we're looking for people from all walks of life to form another unique group who can recreate that magic.”

Dannii Minogue says: “I'm so excited to be returning to the UK and joining the judging panel of *Let It Shine*. To be a performer you must have a burning desire to perform, then you train at all the skills you need to shine. This show gives everyone that chance. I can't wait!”

*Let It Shine* will have three stages of competition. The musical theatre star **Amber Riley**, who rose to fame as Mercedes Jones in *Glee*, will join as guest judge for the first stage of the competition to give her expert opinion to the budding stars.

Singer, television personality and actress **Lulu, OBE**, who famously collaborated with Gary Barlow on Take That hit *Relight My Fire*, will join the three permanent judges for the second stage of the competition, helping to whittle down the groups to five final bands who will go forward to compete in the live shows.

The finalists will seek to prove their worth as they collaborate with some of the UK's most-loved artists, with spectacular staging and one big song after another. Confirmed guest performers for the live shows include **Busted, Beverley Knight, Melanie C, Olly Murs** and **Kaiser Chiefs**.

Announcements regarding the judging panel for the live shows will be made in due course.

Tim Christlieb, Director of Channels, BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand, said: “UKTV is a fun, noisy celebration of cracking British entertainment, and in Take That we have one of the most successful British acts of the last 25 years.

“Talent shows have proved highly successful for us in the past and we're really excited about bringing *Let it Shine* to Australians in the new year.”

*Let It Shine* is a BBC Studios Entertainment Production, overseen by Guy Freeman, Editor of Formats and Special Events (*Diamond Jubilee Concert, Children In Need Rocks, Adele At The BBC*) and Executive Producer Andrew Cartmell (*Sport Relief: Clash Of The Titans, Strictly Come Dancing: It Takes Two*).

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