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## **World's only yodeling, country singing, lesbian twin sisters to tour the UK**

**Jools and Lynda Topp (AKA the Topp Twins) arrive from New Zealand in February to bring their unique and natural gift for humour to audiences in the UK. The documentary feature film *The Topp Twins: Untouchable Girls* twins will screen at cinemas and the twins will also perform live at a limited number of gigs.**

The documentary tells the twins' extraordinary personal story and offers a revealing look into their lives. Using their natural gift for humour along with honesty and wisdom the twins share their journey, from coming out to a recent brush with breast cancer.

Blending archive footage with current interviews *The Topp Twins: Untouchable Girls* follows the native New Zealanders from their childhood on a dairy farm to the Territorial Army where they became the Vera Lynn's of their battalion. They came of age in the early 80s performing on the streets of Auckland during the heady days of the political protest marches and quickly joined the forefront of progressive social change campaigning for a Nuclear-Free New Zealand, Maori Land Rights, a halt to the 1981 Springbok Tour and Homosexual Law Reform. A decade later Lynda came close to winning the mayoral elections in Auckland and the twins were firmly established into Kiwi culture with their own primetime TV show; *Do Not Adjust Your Twinset*.

The film has scooped numerous audience awards at film festivals from Australia to America, including the Cadillac People's Choice Award for Best Documentary at Toronto International Film Festival, beating Michael Moore. This is the first opportunity for UK cinema audiences to catch the film and each screening will be followed with a Q&A from Jools and Lynda plus a short acoustic set.

The live gigs will see the twins re-invent themselves on stage; changing character, musical style and gender with ease. Armed with guitar, mouth-harp and spoons they deliver original songs, audience participation, comedy and burlesque innuendo in a fast-paced and hilarious entertainment experience.

The Topp Twins, with their ability to relate to all kinds of people, have morphed from radical activists into national treasures, crossing from the fringes to the mainstream and these live performances and the cinema tour dates offer a rare opportunity to catch them in the UK.

The UK cinema tour is supported by Breast Cancer Care.

### **Cinema tour dates:**

Wednesday 15 February at 8:15pm - Filmhouse, Edinburgh.

Box Office: 0131 228 2688

[www.filmhousecinema.com/showing/the-topp-twins-untouchable-girls](http://www.filmhousecinema.com/showing/the-topp-twins-untouchable-girls)

Saturday 18 February at 6:20pm - Gate, Notting Hill London.

Box Office: 0871 902 5731

[www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/Gate Picturehouse](http://www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/Gate_Picturehouse)

Monday 20 February at 6:30pm – Clapham Picturehouse, London.

Box Office: 0871 902 5727

[www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/Clapham Picturehouse](http://www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/Clapham_Picturehouse)

Monday 20 February at 8:15pm - Cinema City, Norwich (Q&A via Skype).

Box Office: 0871 902 5724

[www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/Cinema City](http://www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/Cinema_City)

*The Topp Twins: Untouchable Girls* will be available on DVD and iTunes in the UK from Tuesday 28 February.

#### **Live gig tour dates:**

Thursday 16 February at 7pm - The Bongo Club, 37 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8BA.

Advance tickets: £15 +booking fee [www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk). Door price: £20

Friday 17 February at 7pm - The Union Chapel, Compton Avenue, London, N1 2XD.

Advance tickets: £20 +booking fee [www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk). Door price: £25

Sunday 19 February at 7.30pm - Komedia, 44 – 47 Gardner Street, Brighton, BN1 1UN.

Advance tickets: £15 +booking fee - [www.komedia.co.uk/brighton](http://www.komedia.co.uk/brighton). Door price: tbc

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#### **Contacts:**

*The Topp Twins: Untouchable Girls* (documentary feature)

High resolution images are available. For interview and/or imagery requests please contact Sally Hodgson at [sally@pipocapictures.com](mailto:sally@pipocapictures.com) or by calling 07974 563697.

Live performances

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#### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

##### **About Topp Twins: Untouchable Girls**

Director: Leanne Pooley

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Running length: 84mins

The Topp Twins: Untouchable Girls is the first time that the irrepressible Kiwi entertainment double act, Jools and Lynda Topp's extraordinary personal story has been told. The film offers a revealing look into the lives of the World's only comedic, country singing, dancing, and yodeling lesbian twin sisters. As well as rarely seen archive footage and home movies, the film features a series of special interviews with some of the Topp's infamous comedy alter-egos including candid chats with the two Kens, Camp Mother and Camp Leader, the Bowling Ladies and the Posh Socialite sisters, Prue and Dilly.

<http://topptwins.com> / [www.facebook.com/topptwins](http://www.facebook.com/topptwins) / Twitter: @ToppTwins

##### **About Breast Cancer Care**

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