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## **Vivendi and Gilbert Coullier Productions to bring together Eddie Izzard and Gad Elmaleh at Abbey Road Studios and L'Olympia for an exceptional show symbolizing Franco-British friendship**

Vivendi, the international media and content group, and Gilbert Coullier Productions will bring together Eddie Izzard, surreal British comedian and an honorary member of the Monty Python's, and Gad Elmaleh, the acclaimed stand-up comedian, actor and director living in France, in an exceptional show in which each artist will perform in the language of the other.

Eddie Izzard and Gad Elmaleh have decided to perform this show, appropriately titled "*Frenghish Night*", at iconic locations on both sides of the Channel. The legendary **Abbey Road Studios** in London will host them for a preview of their show on April 11, 2016, and then, the following day, the two artists will perform in front of a full house at **L'Olympia** in Paris.

In London, the artists will begin and conclude the show by taking the stage together, speaking in English; in Paris, they will do the same thing in French. Each will also perform highlights from their respective one-man shows.

Gad Elmaleh, a long-standing admirer of Eddie Izzard who encouraged him to perform in English, sees this bilingual meeting as a powerful symbol of Franco-British friendship. A crew from Canal+, Vivendi's French television channel, will follow Mr. Elmaleh and capture his experience: starting with his trip to London on the Eurostar, then on stage at Abbey Road Studios and finally his performance at the L'Olympia where he will perform for the first time his English show in front of a French audience.

Vivendi, a leader in music, television and cinema, widely present in the UK and in France, has proudly lent the Abbey Road Studios for this unique project.

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