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Tony Roche is a key player in the team behind the multi-award winning comedy *The Thick of It* and the Oscar-Nominated feature film *In The Loop* which was released in the UK and US in 2009. He wrote and created the cult hit *World of Pub* starring Peter Serafinowicz, Kevin Eldon and Phil Cornwall.

Tony has also written and directed an award-winning short film *How to Tell When a Relationship is Over*.

FILM

IN THE LOOP: Writer on the film spin-off of *The Thick of It* for BBC Films, starring Peter Capaldi, Gina McKee and James Gandolfini (2009). Nominated for an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay in 2010. Winner of the Best Screenplay Award at the British Independent Film Awards, winner of two Scottish Baftas including Best Writing, winner of the Best Comedy award at the British Comedy Awards, winner of the Evening Standard British Film Award for Best Screenplay and the New York Film Critics Award for Best Screenplay, Winner of the London Critics Circle Award for Best Screenwriting and they were chosen by the National Board of Review amongst their top ten independent films of 2009.

'It's also a welcome celebration of polished and engaged comic writing that very rarely feels laboured and always feels that it has a serious point to make amid the ample gags.' Time Out

'The acting is superb, and the writing is relentlessly funny - vicious and delicious.' Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian

'The dangerous incompetence of these warring factions will strike you as more than familiar. That's why the laughs stick in the throat. But laugh you will, loud and often. *In the Loop* deserves to be a sleeper hit. The whole cast is stellar. And it proves that smart and funny can exist in the same movie, even in summer.' Rolling Stone

'The genius of "In the Loop," directed by Armando Iannucci and written by a crack team of British wits, is that it turns this mountain into a series of festering molehills....While "In the Loop" is a highly disciplined inquiry into a very serious subject, it is also, line by filthy line, scene by chaotic scene, by far the funniest big-screen satire in recent memory.' New York Times

HOW TO TELL WHEN A RELATIONSHIP IS OVER: Tony's Short Film which won: Best Comedy Short Paramount Comedy Competition/ First Film Foundation 2004

Best Short Film, Just For Laughs Montreal International Comedy Festival 2003

Runner Up DepicT! 2003

"The funniest film - great laugh out loud stuff" *Peter Jackson, Director, The Lord of the Rings*

TELEVISION

THE THICK OF IT Series 2: Writing on series 2 of the hit show (2009).

CAST OFFS: Co-writer on the new comedy drama series for Eleven Films/Channel 4 (2009). You can read an interview with Tony and the other writers here.

'...both a brilliantly observed comedy drama and a breakthrough in television's depiction of disabled people.' Andrew Billen, The Times

THE THICK OF IT - SPECIALS: Writing on the specials (2 x 1 hour specials) for BBC 2/ BBC 4 (2006-07).

THE THICK OF IT: Co-writer of the hit cult show for BBC 2/ BBC4 which won BAFTA Best Sitcom 2006, RTS Best Sitcom and Comedy Drama 2006, RTS Writing Award (Comedy) (2006).

"Hilarious, satirical, subversive, brilliantly written and superbly acted" *The Guardian*

"Brutal but utterly brilliant" *Daily Mail*

"The Thick of It was the sort of show which got you a seat on the Tube. If you thought about it, you started to laugh" Nancy Banks Smith, *The Guardian*

BROKEN NEWS: Writer and co-creator with John Morton of the series for BBC 2 (2005).

WORLD OF PUB: Created and wrote original 6 x 30' comedy series for BBC2 (2001)

TIME TRUMPET: Writer on the spoof show for BBC 2

7 DAYS: (Series 1 and 2) BBC 3

GASH: Channel 4

THE ALL NEW HARRY HILL SHOW: ITV 1

ALISTAIR MCGOWAN'S BIG IMPRESSION: BBC 1

SMITH AND JONES: BBC 1

THE JACK DOCHERTY SHOW: Channel 5

RADIO

ARMANDO IANNUCCI'S CHARM OFFENSIVE: Radio 4 (2006-09).

LAURA SOLON'S TALKING NOT TALKING: Radio 4 (2007-09).

THE 99P CHALLENGE: Radio 4

SUNDAY FORMAT: Radio 4

WORLD OF PUB: Radio 4

DEAD RINGERS: Radio 4

Tony has also written on The Alan Davies Show, The Very World of Milton Jones, John Shuttleworth's Open House, Shuttleworth's Showtime, The Treatment.

Tony has been part of the team on shows that have won Best New Comedy ITV Comedy Awards 2005, Sony Silver 2005, Sony Bronze 2002, Sony Silver 2001, British Comedy Award 2000, British Comedy Award 1999, BBC Frank Muir Award, BBC Peter Titheridge Award

