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Sheridan Smith, Adam Lambert, Jason Manford and Beverley Knight join the panel on ITV's brand new entertainment show with Olly Murs confirmed as host.

Award winning singer and actress Sheridan Smith, Queen frontman Adam Lambert, comedian Jason Manford and the UK's leading soulstress and musical theatre star Beverley Knight join the panel on Starstruck, with Olly Murs confirmed as the host of this exciting new format.

Starstruck will see ordinary members of the public with an exceptional talent team up to transform into some of the world's biggest music icons from Amy Winehouse to Ariana Grande, Lionel Richie to Lady Gaga, Marvin Gaye to Michael Buble, and many more in between.

Created by Remarkable Television (a Banijay UK company) for ITV and ITV Hub, this 6 x 75 mins and 1 x 90 min series sees four teams of three battle it out each week to win the vote of our expert judging panel and virtual audience for a coveted place in the final and to be in with the chance of winning a whopping £50,000.

Leaving their day jobs behind, members of the public will be transformed into their most beloved music star for one night only. But they won't be on stage alone. Instead, they'll be teaming up as trios who all share the same love of a music icon to give the performance of a lifetime. With an expert glam team to oversee their extraordinary transformation, impressive staging and a spectacular sound and light show, our singing stars will be getting the complete 'superstar experience'.

Each episode will culminate in an exciting finale which sees the winning trio compete against each other for a place in the grand final and the chance to walk away with that life-changing sum of cash.

This brand-new series will see the Great British public get the unique chance to shed their normal persona and become a global superstar. So, who will have what it takes to wow the judges and leave them Starstruck?

Olly Murs said: "I'm really excited to be hosting a big Saturday Night show like Starstruck. It ticks all the boxes; it's about feel good, family fun which is something we all need right now. The performances should keep us well entertained and I can't wait to see whether anyone wants to be transformed into me for the night!"

Beverley Knight said: "Every show we get to witness ordinary people emulate extraordinary icons on a huge scale and I'm so here for it! I'm looking forward to hearing and seeing those spectacular transformations and being a cheerleader for every contestant".

Sheridan Smith said: 'Growing up, I always loved watching Saturday night TV with my family so I'm thrilled to be joining Starstruck. Creating Cilla Black for TV, I know first-hand how much goes into becoming an iconic music star, so I can't wait to see what some of the contestants do with our modern music acts and true icons. And with everything else that's going on at the moment, this is just the type of show we can all enjoy together!'

Adam Lambert said: "I am so excited to be involved in Starstruck. I loved the idea from the moment I heard about it, and it's going to be a lot of fun. I can't wait to

watch people transform into their idols! After the year everyone has been through, let's come together through creativity and music and have a good time!"

Jason Manford said: "After years of being on stage, judged every night, it's my turn to sit and do the judging! I adore talented people, so I'm very proud to be part of a show that's going to let them show off. They're ticking off a super entertaining bucket list moment and we get to be part of it."

Katie Rawcliffe, Head of Entertainment Commissioning at ITV said: "I can't wait to see which talented members of the public leave our extraordinary panel Starstruck. With fabulous transformations, lots of fun and the brilliant Olly Murs at the helm it's going to be hugely entertaining for the whole family."

James Fox, Managing Director of Remarkable said: "They say that all good things come in threes - so what could be better than three amazing singers teaming up to perform as their favourite artist. And with some spectacular transformations ready to be unleashed, there's going to be big surprises, huge performances and lots of laughs along the way."

Starstruck is a Remarkable Television production for ITV and ITV Hub. The series was commissioned by Katie Rawcliffe, Head of Entertainment Commissioning at ITV, Lily Wilson and David Smyth Commissioners, Entertainment at ITV. The Executive Producers for Remarkable are Cat Lawson, Leanne Witcoop and Dom Waugh. Series Producer is Kim Allinson.

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