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Oti Mabuse is swapping glitter balls for Cupid's arrows as she takes the reins of ITV's brand-new dating show Romeo & Duet, created, and produced by Goat Films.

Oti will preside over the musical matchmaking as single love seekers stand on a breathtaking balcony and are serenaded by potential love matches that they can hear, but not see.

Romeo & Duet goes into production in January 2022; the seven-part prime time series, due for broadcast on ITV and ITV Hub later this year, gives its singers just one song to entice a singleton down from the balcony. Only then will the two

come face-to-face for the first time.

The newly formed couple will then head off on a duet-date to learn, you've guessed it, a duet, before returning later in the show to perform that duet in the ultimate romantic love battle; a singing competition against the other couples to be crowned the winners.

Oti Mabuse is already a firm favourite amongst ITV audiences having appeared as a celebrity detective on The Masked Dancer in 2021. In January 2022, she will also take a spot on the legendary ice panel as she joins Dancing on Ice for its forthcoming series.

Oti Mabuse said:

"I'm so excited to be part of Romeo & Duet. It's always been a dream of mine to host so this is a real pinch me moment, and it's a blessing for me to finally be able to share this news. I honestly can't wait to get started! It's about love with a little bit of a twist and showcase of talent, it's fresh and fun, and I hope everyone's going to love it as much as I do. Thank you to Katie Rawcliffe, Mel Crawford and Joe Mace for believing in me and giving me this incredible opportunity."

Katie Rawcliffe, Head of Entertainment Commissioning at ITV, said:

"Romeo & Duet is a fun twist on the dating show format, and Oti Mabuse is the perfect choice to host this entertaining cross between music and matchmaking."

Mel Crawford, Founder of Goat Films said:

"Oti's talent has been bouncing off our screens for years and we are delighted to be working with her. Here at Goat Films, we are over the moon to be the first production company that is putting her front and centre of her own prime time entertainment show, exactly where she deserves to be."

Apply to take part in the show here: https://goatfilms.submit.com/show/3

For tickets for the show please visit https://www.sroaudiences.com/ and look for Romeo & Duet

Romeo & Duet is produced by Goat Films, it is being Executive Produced by Mel Crawford with showrunner Christian Fletcher. Romeo & Duet was developed from an original idea created by Ivor and David Baddiel. It was commissioned by ITV's Joe Mace, Commissioning Editor Entertainment, and Katie Rawcliffe, Head of Entertainment Commissioning.

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About Goat Films

Founded by Award-winning Creative Director and Executive Producer Mel Crawford in 2020, Goat Film's vision is to create original, ambitious, funny and exciting global entertainment formats and scripted comedy in a welcoming and progressive working environment.

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