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I LUV U BUT... SEASON 2 'COMING OUT' SOON

Ground-breaking web series, **I LUV U BUT...** is launching its second season online at www.iluvubut.tv with the first of ten episodes dropping on Tuesday 6 May, 2014.

Heartfelt and humorous, **I LUV U BUT...** follows the lives of Mouna and Sam, a young Arab-Australian husband and wife who are both gay but living in a marriage of convenience. Due to the traditions of their Lebanese heritage, coming out as gay to their parents, siblings and extended family, is simply not an option. Thus, they live a lie but they live life to the fullest!

The first season attracted fans worldwide, reaching out to LGBTIQ communities across the globe especially in countries where homosexuality is illegal.

Season one of **I LUV U BUT...** was nominated for Most Engaging YouTube Channel in Lebanon's Social Media Awards in 2013, and achieved high viewership in other Arab countries such as Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

Shot on location around Sydney's Inner West and western suburbs, the second season of **I LUV U BUT...** explores themes ranging from family pressure to have children, safe sex, and rebound relationships, to orgy etiquette, homophobia, gay stereotyping, open relationships and the damaging power of gossip.

Writer/director, Fadia Abboud said, "I wanted to make season two of **I LUV U BUT...** because so many people enjoyed season one, it reflected a subculture that is rarely seen and often misunderstood."

Fans will be delighted to learn that all the stars of season one are returning, including leads Abbey Aziz as Mouna, George El Hindi as Sam, Alissar Gazal as Mouna's mother and Rose Souaid as Sam's mother. Season two can also boast special guest appearances from renowned performer Paul Capsis and well-known figures on Sydney's gay scene, Rhys Bobridge and Neil Singleton.

Paul Capsis praised the webseries, saying "It's about time we had honest storytelling that truly reflects who we really are in Australia and doesn't perpetuate a fantasy... also, it's hilarious!"

Produced by Megan McMurchy and written by Fadia Abboud and Peter Polites, **I LUV U BUT...** is a Suitcase Films production funded by Screen Australia under its Multi-Platform Drama Production initiative, with additional funding provided by Information and Cultural Exchange Inc. (ICE) and Club Arak.

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