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DNA Journey returns to **ITV1** and **ITVX** with six new celebrity pairings. The celebrity duos delving into their families' histories this series are **Ricky Tomlinson** and **Sue Johnston**, **Jo Brand** and **Julian Clary**, **Fay Ripley** and **Hermione Norris**, **Sam Thompson** and **Marvin Humes**, **Sarah Parish** and **Jimmy Nesbitt** plus **John Simm** and **Philip Glenister**.

In this fifth series, produced by Voltage TV, Mitre Studios and Ancestry, the new celebrity twosomes set off in pursuit of where they come from and unearth secrets from their past, in a life-changing and emotional voyage of discovery that takes us from Canada to London, France to Jamaica.

Using advanced DNA technology and genealogy, the duos will unlock hidden secrets from their family trees as they discover amazing revelations about their descendants, fascinating stories of unknown ancestors and meetings with living relatives that spark deep connections to the past and present.

Louise Major, Commissioning Editor, ITV said:

“DNA Journey is an extraordinary series that offers a unique glimpse into the lives of so many brilliant celebrities. It is a privilege to be granted intimate access to their personal journeys and to share their experiences with the audience. This series is packed with life-changing revelations and gratifying discoveries that are sure to touch everyone’s hearts.”

Kathleen Larkin, Executive Producer at Voltage TV said:

“This gripping, revelatory series never fails at delivering the best of British talent; national treasures, acting royalty and comedy icons... bringing a side of them that nobody has ever seen before. You are guaranteed to laugh and cry all within the same episode... sometimes simultaneously.”

Mitre Studios Managing Director, Ed Sleeman said:

“DNA Journey offers a unique insight into some of the nation’s favourite celebrities and we’re excited to have secured some more amazing pairings for the latest run. The success of DNA Journey so far has been down to celebrities sharing some truly memorable moments and incredible reveals and this upcoming series is no different.”

Brad Argent from Ancestry said:

“Solid research, world class science, and a little bit of good luck have uncovered a fantastic line-up of rich and varied stories – all made relatable by a celebrity cast that bring themselves to every moment. It’s such a privilege to be part of this must-see TV.”

DNA Journey is a Voltage TV, Mitre Studios and Ancestry co-production for ITV. It was commissioned by Katie Rawcliffe, Head of Entertainment Commissioning, ITV and Louise Major, Commissioning Editor, ITV and Executive Produced by Kathleen Larkin and Sanjay Singhal, Series Directed by Iain Thompson and Series Produced by Charlotte Dawes, Voltage TV.

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[pictured: Fay Ripley and Hermione Norris]

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