

● Mark Allen London

If you've ever found yourself in a conga line and suddenly thought, "What on earth am I doing?" then Mark Allen's *Mob Logic* is the show for you. Allen has such a good nose for the hot topics that define the zeitgeist, he really ought to be writing a newspaper column – but until the Guardian sign

him up, you're just going to have to go and see him live. His last show, Mark Allen's *Quite Good Britain*, scrutinised our national identity crisis (boring national anthem, foreign royal family) and his new show is about that sheeplike instinct which makes us do what everyone else is doing, whether we want to or



not. Allen is a comic with something new to say, and his most recent

monologue makes some serious points about how our herd mentality drags us down to the lowest common denominator. As he says, how many people have danced to *The Birdie Song* at a party? And how many have danced to *The Birdie Song* on their own? *wc Hen And Chickens, N1, Tue 30 to Fri 2*