

GYLES BRANDRETH

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Gyles Brandreth is a writer, broadcaster, actor, former MP and Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, now Chancellor of the University of Chester and one of Britain's most sought-after award ceremony hosts and after-dinner speakers. A star of *Celebrity Gogglebox*, a veteran of *QI* and *Have I Got News For You*, a reporter on *The One Show*, a presenter on *Pointless*, a guest on *Would I Lie to You?* and *Sunday Brunch*, a regular on *This Morning*, and since the 1980s one of the mainstays of *Just a Minute* on BBC Radio 4, his recent books include a biography of Queen Elizabeth II: *Elizabeth: an intimate portrait* - an immediate Sunday Times No 1 best-seller.

His many other books include an acclaimed childhood memoir, a Sunday Times best-seller in 2021, *Odd Boy Out*, as well nine detective novels (among them *The Oscar Wilde Murder Mysteries*), biographies (notably *Philip: The Final Portrait*) and three other recent best-sellers: *The 7 Secrets of Happiness*; a celebration of good English, punctuation, spelling and grammar, *Have You Eaten Grandma?*; and his anthology of poetry to learn by heart, *Dancing by the Light of the Moon*.

Recently he appeared on stage with Dame Judi Dench at the Gielgud Theatre in London, at Hampton Court Palace and at the Royal Albert Hall, with more dates planned; on TV with Sheila Hancock in *Great Canal Journeys*; and on tour throughout the country with his one-man show. As a podcaster, he is Gold Award Winner at the British Podcast Awards. With his daughter Aphra Brandreth MP, he co-hosts the *Commonwealth Poetry Podcast*, celebrating poetry and the Commonwealth, launched with HM Queen Camilla in 2022. In 2023, he launched a new podcast, *Rosebud*, a weekly conversation with interesting and remarkable people all about their very first memories - from Dame Judi Dench to Sir Keir Starmer.

'I really loved what he did and more importantly so did the whole room. He was a pretty perfect host – he knew his subject inside out and made people happy.'

The Mayfair Times Awards, 2024

'He read the room quite brilliantly. He was spot on. Just perfect.'

MA Group Awards, 2024

'The brief was to deliver a fun night and it was certainly a mission accomplished! A magnificent job engaging our diverse, international audience. The feedback from our team has been wonderful. Colleagues were touched by the way he weaved our brands and people into his speech.'

Rentokil Initial Global Conference Dinner, 2023

'The room was abuzz ... He didn't just make my day, he made my year!!! Such a pleasure to work with ... utter joy.'

Later Living Conference, 2023

'He brought the house down. So entertaining. The perfect way to end our conference.'

Agenda Conference, 2023

'Genius. So brilliant. Exactly what we wanted. Spectacular.'

Tunstall Healthcare, 2022

'Utterly superb. Topical. Relevant. Brilliantly researched.'

LAPF Strategy Conference, 2022

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