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Name

Ronni Ancona

Topics and Title

Comedienne & Impressionist

Background History

Ronni Ancona became famous mainly through her impressions, in particular as Alistair McGowan's partner in *The Big Impression*, for which Ancona was named best actress at the Comedy Awards in

2003.

Even at school, although shy, Ronni Ancona was displaying her taste for performance when she started a comedy troupe called Pot's People - a pun on Pan's People.

Ronni studied design at St Martins and for a short while was a teacher, but she started stand-up comedy and, in 1993, she won Time Out's New Comedian of the Year.

Ronni Ancona has branched out from just impersonating roles. She was cast as Maggie in *The Key* on BBC2, Anita in *A Cock and Bull Story*, Beline in Moliere's *The Hypochondriac* at the Almeida, and Barbara in the BBC's *Gideon's Daughter*.

Ronni Ancona did not desert the world of impressions however and in 2007, she had her own sketch show on BBC1.

Her most well-known impressions include Victoria Beckham, Nigella Lawson, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Carol Smillie.

In July 2008 it was announced that Ronni Ancona would star in BBC One's new eight-part drama, *Hope Springs*.