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Name

Roger Black MBE

Topics and Title

TV Presenter & Motivational Speaker

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Roger Black is one of the country's most successful sportsmen having represented Great Britain for fourteen years at the highest level in the world of athletics. Born in Portsmouth on the 31 March 1966, Roger was educated at Portsmouth

Grammar School and subsequently went on to read medicine at Southampton University in September 1985, following in his father's footsteps to become a doctor.

After a short period Roger (who was already European Junior 400m Champion) had the difficult decision of whether to continue his studies or to become a full time athlete. His decision proved correct as in the following year 1986 he became Commonwealth Champion, European Champion, British record holder and British Athlete of the Year. He did however receive an Honorary Degree from Southampton University in 1992.

He is particularly admired for his triumphs over adversity, overcoming serious injuries and a rare heart valve condition to go on to become a world champion.

Areas of Expertise

Roger has presented for BBC South, BBC Breakfast News and News 24. In 1998, Roger was signed to BBC Sport and has since presented the Sydney 2000 Olympics, the World Athletics Championships 2001 in Canada, the 2002 Commonwealth Games, the 2002 European Championships from Vienna and the 2003 World Athletics Championships in Paris.

As an established live television presenter Roger has worked on a range of programmes including, Grandstand, Tomorrow's World, The 6 o'clock News and the award winning City Hospital.

Roger won fifteen major Championship Medals including European, Commonwealth and World Championship Gold Medals. His greatest achievements were winning the Olympic 400 metres Silver Medal in 1996 and being part of the Gold Medal winning 4 x 400 metres relayteam at the 1991 World Championships. He was British Men's Team Captain and was awarded the M.B.E. in 1992.

Roger possesses a deep knowledge of motivation and self-development. He understands the dynamics of becoming a champion, how to live a dream, set goals and take the necessary steps to fulfilling ones potential.

By combining his experience of self motivation and attainable personal development, both on and off the track, he motivates organisations throughout the UK and Europe.

His presentation includes the use of video footage to reinforce the key message "Excellence is within all of us, both individually and as part of a winning team...should you dare to grasp it!"

With Rogers extensive experience gained with the BBC in presenting and interviewing, he is often asked not only to deliver his keynote motivational speech but also to host and link an entire conference. This unique combination of skills results in an outstanding shared experience for the delegates as well as peace of mind for the client.

Roger speaks at many dinners delivering an entertaining presentation combining humorous anecdotes from the world of top class athletics with a motivational theme. Roger also hosts award ceremonies that can be combined with a motivational speech.