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Name

Rory McGrath

Topics and Title

Comedian, Writer & Presenter

Background History

Rory McGrath is a British comedian, writer and TV presenter. He wrote and appeared in the 1977 Cambridge Footlights Revue on the BBC in 1977 and he went on to write for Not the Nine O'clock News and Alas Smith And Jones.

He also helped write and starred in Channel 4's Chelmsford 123 - a sitcom set in Roman Britain in 123 AD! He is probably best known as a team captain in the quiz show They Think Its All Over which has been running for more than 10 series and pulls in an average audience of nine million.

Selected performing credits include:

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| 1988 | National tour and TV Series of WHO DARES WINS. |
| 1989/90 | Regular panellist on the Channel 4 programme WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY. |
| 1989 & 90 | 'Badvoc' in 2 highly successful series of CHELMSFORD 123 for Channel 4 |
| 1990 | Presenter of BBC 1 quiz show TRIVIAL PURSUIT. |
| 1991 | Presented 2 series of RIGHT TO REPLY for Channel 4. |
| 1992 | Hosted 8 programmes of A WORD IN YOUR ERA for the BBC. |
| 1994 | Presented HIT THE TOWN for Mentorn Films/Central TV |
| 1995 | Co-Presenter of the comedy/quiz series for BBC TV entitled THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER. |
| 1996 | Two further series of THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER for BBC TV. |
| 1997 | A fourth series of THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER, presenter of SPORTING ANORAK on UK Gold, and COMMERCIAL BREAKDOWN for BBC1. |

- 1998 Another series of SPORTING ANORAK, and guest presenter for THE HOLIDAY SHOW from Australia, California France and India.
- Further series and video of THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER.
- 1999 A new series for BBC Knowledge THE HISTORY FIX and another series for THEY THINK ITS ALL OVER, further programmes for HOLIDAY SHOW
- 2000 Series 8 & 9 of THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER, and a re-named second series HISTORY QUEST for BBC Knowledge.
- 2000 Series 10 & 11 of THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER.
- 2001 Presented KILLER QUEENS for ITV, and another 3 series of TTIAO
- 2002 A further 2 series of TTIAO and BLOODY BRITAIN for Discovery
- 2003 Having just completed filming another series of TTIAO brings the show to it's staggering 17th season.

Has also appeared on television in episodes of:

SILVER JACKANORY

DON'T QUOTE ME

DROP THE DEAD DONKEY

HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU

ABOUT FACE [With Maureen Lipman for Central TV]

As a frequent Broadcaster his radio series include:

THE LABOUR EXCHANGE, TIME CYCLE, SPORTING CHANCE, THEY THINK ITS ALL OVER, SMITH AND JONES.

He has appeared at the Edinburgh Festival in a satirical music show "Death by Country" with Phil Pope, with whom he has toured the UK.

His many writing credits include material for:

THE DAVE ALLEN SHOW (1983/84), ALAS SMITH & JONES (all series), CHELMSFORD 123 (2 series), SATURDAY LIVE and Peter Cook's THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS.