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Name

Steve Nallon

Topics and Title

Comedian, Impressionist & After Dinner Speaker

Background History

Steve is one of Britain's most versatile and prolific writers and performers working in all aspects of the media from film and television to radio and theatre. His work is eclectic and diverse and ranges from acting and stand-up to motion capture animation and broadcasting.

Steve began work as an entertainer over twenty-five years ago on the Northern Working Men's Club circuit when he was just a teenager. After gaining a degree in Drama and English at the University of Birmingham he became a founder member of the Spitting Image team, providing voices for The Queen Mum, Roy Hattersley, Margaret Thatcher, David Attenborough, Alan Bennett and many more for the next ten years.

In recent times he has worked as an impressionist on television series such as *Alistair McGowan's Big Impression* (as 'Dame Maggie Smith') and *The Impressionable Jon Culshaw* (as 'Ann Widdecomb'). He has also 'guested' on *The Weakest Link* and *50 Years of ITV*. He has also been seen performing his stand-up act on the cult *Dan and Dusty Show* (ITV1). Steve's stand-up, cabaret work and after dinner speaking is in constant demand all over the country.

Steve is an accomplished and much sought after puppeteer in the area of children's television and film puppetry where he has over a hundred shows and titles to his credit, including *Cats' Eyes*, *Spooks* and *Crazy Cottage* and *Muppets Treasure Island*. A recent development of his work in this area is as a 'performance animator', working in the field of motion capture animation.

Steve co-wrote with Turan Ali *The Ghost of Number Ten* and *The Nallon Tapes*, two BBC comedy series. He has also written the highly acclaimed *Props* with Mark Eden, a BBC Saturday Playhouse. Other writing includes the play *Prizegiving* (written with the novelist Tom Holt) plus two documentaries *Fame* and *Oh Yes, I'm The Great Pretender*, both of which Steve also presented. In 1989 Steve wrote *I, Margaret* with Tom Holt, the spoof autobiography of Baroness Thatcher published by Macmillan. For stage, Steve wrote the book for *Like Love*, a new musical commissioned by the Jermyn Street Theatre. As a theatre director he has worked on numerous plays as part of David Edgar's Playwriting Master's Degree.

Areas of Expertise

If you are looking for an after-dinner speaker to deliver a unique, highly entertaining and comedy filled speech, you need look no further than leading comedy impressionist Steve Nallon. Well-known from television and radio shows such as *Night of a Thousand Faces*, *Spitting Image*, *The Jon Culshaw Show*, *Rory Bremner – Who Else?*, *Alistair McGowan's Big Impression*, *The New Statesman* and *First Impressions*, Steve's remarkable act uses more than forty voices to take his audience on a comic tour through *The World of the Impressionist*.

Steve's vast and ever growing repertoire ensures there is something for everyone in his after-dinner entertainment, from sporting celebrities such as David Beckham, television personalities Johnny Vegas, Anne Robinson, Ozzy Osbourne, Graham Norton, Chris Tarrant and Dame Edna Everage. Let's not forget the movies, including such stars as Robin Williams, Michael Caine, Woody Allen, the *Harry Potter* professors McGonagall and Snape (Maggie Smith and Alan Rickman), and Ian McKellen, who guest appears as 'The Wizard Gandalf' from *The Lord of the Rings* – plus a whole host of cartoon voices, from Homer Simpson and Speedy Gonzales to Mickey Mouse and Wallace and Gromit – as well as a bunch of politicians, among them Tony Blair, Ann Widdecombe and Margaret Thatcher.

And on top of all that there's the added bonus of some old favourites such as 'Margot' from *The Good Life* (Penelope Keith), Julian Clary and Alan Bennett. In Steve's brilliant and original comic world of the impressionist there's:

- 'Del Boy' (David Jason) living with 'Hyacinth Bucket' (Patricia Routledge) on *Big Brother*
- David Attenborough exploring deepest Yorkshire and finding Wallace and Gromit
- 'The Wizard Gandalf' doing a soap powder commercial
- Delia Smith's recipe for a 'Muppet voice' using the 'ingredients' of Darth Vader and Homer Simpson
- The cast of *Fawlty Towers*
- Kermit the Frog turning not into a handsome prince, but into Woody Allen