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Name

Clive Anderson

Topics and Title

Barrister, Comedy Writer & Presenter

Background History

By profession Clive Anderson is a barrister. He developed his flair for comedy and performing when he studied at Selwyn College, Cambridge between

1972 and 1975.

Clive Anderson is a man of many talents. He has several television writing credits to his name including, 'Not the Nine O'Clock News'(BBC), 'Alas Smith and Jones'(BBC) and 'Around Midnight' (LWT). He is also an accomplished performer on Stage as a stand-up comedian in the early 80's, on Radio as host of 'The Cabaret Upstairs' and on Television as host and Chairman of 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?'.

'Whose Line..?' has been running for many years. The show appeared on BBC Radio 4 in 1988 before transferring to the small-screen on Channel 4. Clive Anderson was the Chairman for both. Another long-running show 'Clive Andersen Talks Back', is now in its tenth series and his new series, Clive Anderson's "All talk" began in October 1996.

Areas of Expertise

Clive Anderson is not just known for comedy, he has presented several Documentaries for the BBC and Channel 4. Following the success of the six part series for the BBC entitled 'Our Man In...' where Clive was sent around the World to out-of-the-way places, a further series was screened in early 96.

Clive Anderson was awarded the television industry's 'Comedy Presenter of the Year' Award in 1991 and he won an award from the British Comedy Awards for the 'Top Channel 4 Presenter' in 1992.

He has also hosted several Awards Ceremonies - BAFTA Craft Awards and The Evening Standard Film Awards and hosted a live 2 hour special of 'The Channel 4 Debate' during the last General Election.

Clive Anderson has written articles for 'The Times', 'The Observer', 'The Listener' and has a regular column in 'The Sunday Correspondent'.

After his 10th series of CLIVE ANDERSON TALKS BACK for Channel 4, Autumn 1996 saw his talk show transfer to BBC1 entitled CLIVE ANDERSON ALL TALK, which ran for 5 years. He also fronted two series of, IF I RULED THE WORLD, for BBC 2. In 2000 Clive presented a topical show for BBC 1, called CLIVE ANDERSON NOW and in 2002 went on to present the revamped Quiz Show MASTERMID for BBC Discovery.

Clive hosted a Talk show GOD ALMIGHTY on Five where his guests talk about what they would do, if they were God. 2003 saw Clive hosting two live shows on BBC2 – THE SHARP END, a weekly 'round the table' current affairs discussion and THE BIG READ a show allowing the nation to vote for it's all time favourite book.

On radio he chairs UNRELIABLE EVIDENCE a legal discussion programme on Radio 4, and THE REAL....., an occasional series of biographical programmes for Radio 5 Live. Clive is currently recording a series of CLIVE ANDERSON'S CHAT ROOM for Radio 2.