

# Rhod Gilbert

Welsh sensation Rhod Gilbert is one of the UK's leading comedy talents. He has enjoyed many successful years as a star of television and radio and continues to uphold his esteemed reputation as a seasoned host, prolific writer and first-class live performer.

Since 2020, he has hosted four series of **Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains**, with special guests joining him on a trip down memory lane in a nostalgic, and frequently embarrassing celebration of teenage years. Previously, Rhod hosted three series of BBC Two's hugely popular show **You're Fired**: interviewing outgoing candidates and taking a light-hearted look at events in **The Apprentice**. He regularly hosts **Have I Got News For You?** and hosted a series of BBC Two's iconic music quiz **Never Mind the Buzzcocks**, and two series of **Ask Rhod Gilbert**; his own panel show for BBC One.

Rhod has written and presented two very personal documentaries. **Rhod Gilbert: Stand Up To Shyness** explored the huge impact that shyness has had upon his life and was met with tremendous critical acclaim; earning nominations in the 2018 Bafta Cymru Awards for '**Best Single Documentary**' and '**Best Presenter**'. He recently completed a second documentary on another subject close to his heart; **Rhod Gilbert: Stand Up To Infertility**, exploring his own experiences with fertility issues, and the subject of male fertility in general. He is now proudly working with the Fertility Network UK on an ongoing campaign to continue to raise awareness around the issue.

The hugely successful, long-running series **Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience** is now in its ninth series. Rhod writes and presents the programmes, and as an Associate Producer is proudly involved in all aspects of the production. The acclaimed series airs on BBC One in Wales, and BBC Two across the network. Along the way, Rhod has tried his hand at all manner of jobs from being a Binman in South Wales to Butler to a Lord, an RAF Fighter Pilot – and most recently, as a Care worker. Rhod has been awarded '**Best Presenter**' and the series has scooped '**Best Factual Series**' at the Bafta Cymru Awards; most recently in 2021.

Rhod is a regular on hit panel shows **Qi**, **Would I Lie To You?** and **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown** and has taken part in the Bafta-award winning series **Taskmaster**. As a stand-up, he has performed on **Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow** and **Live At the Apollo** – performing iconic stand-up sets and hosting twice. He has also had the honour of performing three times on **The Royal Variety Performance**.

Further afield, Rhod embarked on a treacherous adventure through Nepal, teaming up with Greg Davies in **World's Most Dangerous Roads** for BBC Two. He later starred in, and produced **Rhod Gilbert vs Kilimanjaro**, which followed him leading a trek to Africa's highest peak in aid of Velindre Cancer Centre. There was no camera crew, and never any intention to broadcast the journey, but, as a special one-off feature, BBC One Wales transmitted the footage captured by Rhod and his companions on their extraordinary adventure. Rhod continues to be a proud patron of Velindre and has since lead fundraising treks in Peru, Patagonia and Cuba.

A natural and accomplished presenter, Rhod hosted his own weekly Saturday morning show for BBC Radio Wales from 2007 until 2019. Blending music, comedy and idle banter, the show was renowned for its irreverent and ill-informed opinion. After twelve very happy years Rhod stepped down from BBC Radio Wales to focus on his touring commitments. He has since launched a comedy podcast **The Froth**, alongside his comedy writer wife, Sian Harries. Described as 'Yesterday's Non-News, Today', each week, they focus forensically on frothy stuff; joined by special guests to chat nonsense in an antidote to the serious news cycle.

On BBC Radio 2, Rhod has stepped in to host Steve Wright in The Afternoon, and has held the reins for both Graham Norton and Dermot O'Leary. He hosted a one-off special: **Rhod Gilbert's New Year's Resolutions** which went out live on New Year's Day. Early in his career, Rhod wrote and recorded a full series for the station;

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**Rhod Gilbert's Bulging Barrel of Laughs.** Featuring regular guests, stand-up comedians and live music, the show was nominated for a prestigious **Sony Radio Academy Award**. His early stand-up world was also depicted in a one-off sitcom; **Rhod Gilbert's Leaving Llanbobl**.

Rhod is truly cemented as one of the foremost touring acts in the country with several sold-out nationwide tours under his belt. He was a sell-out sensation at the Edinburgh festival every year from 2005 – 2012 and has been invited to perform at every major international festival in the world. His stand-up shows are best-sellers on DVD. His debut live DVD - **Rhod Gilbert & The Award-Winning Mince Pie** - was released in 2009 and claimed the title for the year's fastest selling debut stand-up DVD entering the stand-up chart at number 3. His second DVD - **Rhod Gilbert & The Cat That Looked Like Nicholas Lyndhurst** was released in 2010, and was followed by **The Man With the Flaming Battenberg Tattoo** in 2012. All three titles are available as a LIVE box set.

After a six-year hiatus, Rhod returned to stand-up in 2019 and is currently touring the UK with his highly-anticipated new show entitled **The Book of John**. The show has been met with widespread critical acclaim and scooped an award for **'Best Tour'** in the 2020 Chortle Awards. Rhod has already played over 200 dates nationwide, and extra dates have been added due to overwhelming demand. The show has been released on DVD and is available on digital download.

## AWARDS

- 'BEST PRESENTER' – WORK EXPERIENCE SERIES 9 - BRITISH ACADEMY CYMRU AWARDS 2021
- 'BEST FACTUAL SERIES' – WORK EXPERIENCE SERIES 9 - BRITISH ACADEMY CYMRU AWARDS 2021
- 'BEST SINGLE DOCUMENTARY' NOMINEE – STAND-UP TO INFERTILITY – BRITISH ACADEMY CYMRU AWARDS 2021
- 'BEST FACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME' WORK EXPERIENCE SERIES 9 (CARE WORKER) – CELTIC MEDIA AWARDS 2021
- 'BEST TOUR' – THE BOOK OF JOHN – CHORTLE AWARDS 2020
- 'BEST PRESENTER' & 'BEST SINGLE DOCUMENTARY' NOMINEE - BRITISH ACADEMY CYMRU AWARDS 2018
- 'BEST PRESENTER' - WORK EXPERIENCE SERIES 5 - BRITISH ACADEMY CYMRU AWARDS 2015
- 'BEST FACTUAL SERIES' NOMINEE - WORK EXPERIENCE SERIES 5 - BRITISH ACADEMY CYMRU AWARDS 2015
- 'BEST PHOTOGRAPHY' NOMINEE - WORK EXPERIENCE SERIES 5 – BRITISH ACADEMY CYMRU AWARDS 2015
- 'BEST FACTUAL PROGRAMME' - WORK EXPERIENCE SERIES 5 - CELTIC MEDIA AWARDS 2015
- 'BEST FACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT' - WORK EXPERIENCE SERIES 2 - BRITISH ACADEMY CYMRU AWARDS 2012
- 'BEST FACTUAL SERIES'-WORK EXPERIENCE SERIES 1– BRITISH ACADEMY CYMRU AWARDS 2011
- 'BEST COMEDY' NOMINEE - SONY RADIO ACADEMY AWARDS 2011
- 'FUNNIEST TV PERSONALITY' - LOADED LAFTA AWARDS 2011
- 'BEST PANEL SHOW' - ASK RHOD GILBERT - LOADED LAFTA AWARDS 2011
- 'BEST DVD' - CHORTLE AWARDS 2010
- 'COMICS' COMIC' – CHORTLE AWARDS 2009
- 'BEST HEADLINER' – CHORTLE AWARDS 2009
- 'BREAKTHROUGH ACT' NOMINEE – THE TIMES SOUTH BANK AWARD 2009
- 'BEST FULL SHOW' NOMINEE – CHORTLE AWARDS 2009
- 'BEST COMEDY SHOW' NOMINEE – IF.COMEDY AWARDS 2008
- 'COMIC OF THE YEAR' – TIME OUT AWARDS 2008
- 'BREAKTHROUGH ACT' – TIME OUT AWARDS 2008
- 'BEST SHOW' – TIME OUT AWARDS 2008
- 'BEST HEADLINER' NOMINEE – CHORTLE AWARDS 2008
- 'BEST RADIO PERSONALITY' NOMINEE – CELTIC MEDIA AWARDS 2008

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- 'TOP 50 COMEDIANS' – THE TIMES 2006
- 'TOP 50 ICONS: THE FACES OF COMEDY' – ROUGH GUIDE TO BRITISH CULT COMEDY 2006
- 'BEST NEWCOMER' NOMINEE – PERRIER AWARDS 2005
- 'THE LIST / WRITERS GUILD AWARD' NOMINEE 2005
- 'BEST BREAKTHROUGH ACT' – CHORTLE AWARDS 2005
- BBC NEW COMEDY AWARD 2003

## TELEVISION CREDITS INCLUDE

- Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains Series 1-4 – Series Host (Comedy Central), 2020 – 2022
- Save The Cinema – Sky Cinema – Actor 2022
- Unforgivable – Guest – Dave, 2022
- DIY SOS: The Big Build Children In Need Special – Guest Presenter, BBC One, 2021
- Rhod Gilbert: Stand Up To Infertility (BBC Two and BBC One Wales) 2021
- Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience Series 1-9 (BBC Two and BBC One Wales) 2009 - 2020
- Rhod Gilbert: Stand Up To Shyness (BBC Two and BBC One Wales) 2018
- Qi – Guest (BBC Two), 2018, 2017, 2016
- Have I Got News For You? (BBC One) 2018, 2017, 2011 - Guest Host
- Would I Lie To You? (BBC One) 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010
- Taskmaster (DAVE), 2018
- 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown (Ch4) 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013
- You're Fired! - Series Host (BBC Two and BBC One), 2017, 2016
- UK's Best Part Time Band – Series Host (BBC Two and BBC Four), 2016
- Duck Quacks Don't Echo (Sky1) 2016, 2013
- Never Mind The Buzzcocks Series 28 – Series Host (BBC Two) 2014
- Rhod Gilbert vs Kilimanjaro (BBC One Wales) 2014
- Stars At Your Service: Stand Up To Cancer (Ch4) 2014
- The Matt Lucas Christmas Awards (BBC One) 2013
- Was It Something I Said? (Ch4) 2013
- Channel 4's Comedy Gala (Ch4) 2013, 2011
- Live At The Apollo – Host (BBC One) 2012 & 2009
- The Royal Variety Performance 100th Anniversary (ITV) 2012, (BBC One) 2008
- Alan Carr: Chatty Man (Ch4) 2012
- The Graham Norton Show (BBC One) 2012, 2010, 2009
- Room 101 (BBC One) 2012
- The One and Only Des O'Connor (ITV) 2012
- Michael McIntyre's Christmas Comedy Roadshow (BBC One) 2011
- Ask Rhod Gilbert Series 1 and 2 - Series Host (BBC One) 2011, 2010
- Never Mind The Buzzcocks - Guest Host (BBC2) 2011, 2009
- World's Most Dangerous Roads (BBC Two) 2011
- Lee Mack's All Star Cast (BBC One) 2011
- 8 Out of 10 Cats (Ch4) 2010, 2009, 2008
- Walk on the Wild Side (BBC One) 2009
- Mock The Week (BBC Two) 2009, 2007
- Live At The Apollo (BBC One) 2008
- Teen Tribes – Presenter (BBC One Wales) (2008)
- Big Welsh Challenge – Presenter (BBC One Wales) (2008)
- TV Gaffes Galore / Football Gaffes Galore / Pranks Galore – Script Writer/Voiceover (BBC Three) (2007)

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- Big Welsh Joke – Series Host (BBC One Wales) (2007)
- Comedy Shuffle (BBC Three) (2007)
- Never Mind The Buzzcocks (BBC Two) (2006)
- The Charlotte Church Show (Ch4) (2006)
- The Comedy Store – Extended set (Paramount) (2006) and (2004)
- Dara O'Briain Talks Funny (BBC One) (2006)
- The World Stands Up (Paramount) (2006)
- Rhod Gilbert Stands Up For Wales (BBC One Wales) (2005)
- Live from the Fringe (STV & Paramount) (2005)
- Edinburgh & Beyond (Paramount) (2005)
- Paramount's live stand-up weekend – Presenter (2003)

## RADIO CREDITS INCLUDE

- Getting Better: the Fight to Save the NHS – Actor, 2021
- The Froth Podcast – Host, 2020 - 2021
- Rhod Gilbert on Saturday – Presenter (BBC Radio Wales) 2007 – 2019
- Rhod Gilbert's New Year's Resolutions (BBC R2) - Host 2014
- Steve Wright in The Afternoon (BBC R2) - Guest Host 2013, 2012
- Graham Norton (BBC R2) & Dermot O'Leary (BBC R2) - Guest Host 2013
- The Unbelievable Truth (BBC R4) 2013, 2012, 2011 & 2009
- Rhod Gilbert's Bulging Barrel of Laughs - Series Host (BBC R2) 2010
- Jonathan Ross Show (BBC R2) 2008 & 2009
- Radio 4 Stand's Up – Series Host (BBC R4) 2008
- Jest A Minute – Series Host (BBC Radio Wales) 2008 & 2006
- Sean Lock & Friends at the Fringe (BBC R2) 2008
- Just A Minute (BBC R4) 2008
- Dara O'Briain & Friends (BBC R2) 2006
- Edinburgh Nights (BBC R2) 2005
- Just A Minute (BBC R4) 2005
- Four at the Fringe (BBC R4) 2003
- 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (BBC R4) 2006

## EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

- 2019 RHOD GILBERT: THE BOOK OF JOHN (*10 nights only*)
- 2018 RHOD GILBERT: WORK IN VERY VERY EARLY PROGRESS (*6 NIGHTS ONLY*)
- 2012 RHOD GILBERT: THE MAN WITH THE FLAMING BATTENBERG TATTOO
- 2010 RHOD GILBERT & THE CAT THAT LOOKED LIKE NICHOLAS LYNDHURST (*8 NIGHTS ONLY*)
- 2009 RHOD GILBERT & THE CAT THAT LOOKED LIKE NICHOLAS LYNDHURST
- 2008 RHOD GILBERT & THE AWARD-WINNING MINCE PIE
- 2007 RHOD GILBERT: WHO'S EATEN GILBERT'S GRAPE?
- 2006 RHOD GILBERT: KNOCKING ON HEAVEN'S DOOR
- 2005 RHOD GILBERT'S 1984
- 2004 STEREOCOMICS
- 2003 THREE MEN AND A GIANT & THE BEST OF THE HACKNEY EMPIRE NEW ACT OF THE YEAR

## INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS

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- 2007 MELBOURNE COMEDY FESTIVAL, performing 'Knocking on Heaven's Door'
- 2007 THE UN COMEDY FESTIVAL, Johannesburg, South Africa, 'UN Comedy Show'.
- 2006 CAPE TOWN COMEDY FESTIVAL, 'Main Arena' & headlining 'Best of the Fest'.
- 2006 NEW ZEALAND COMEDY FESTIVAL, 'The Big Show', 'Comedy Gala', and 'The Comedy Convoy' (nationwide tour).
- 2006 MELBOURNE COMEDY FESTIVAL, 'Best of the Edinburgh Fest'
- 2006 SYDNEY CRACKER COMEDY FESTIVAL, 'Best of the Edinburgh Fest'
- 2006 BRISBANE, 'Best of the Edinburgh Fest'
- 2006 ADELAIDE FRINGE FESTIVAL, 'Britcom'
- 2005 KILKENNY FESTIVAL, Ireland
- 2005 MONTREAL JUST FOR LAUGHS FESTIVAL, including the esteemed televised 'Britcom Gala'
- 2005 MELBOURNE COMEDY FESTIVAL, 'Best of the Edinburgh Fest'
- 2005 SYDNEY, Comedy Store, 'Best of the Edinburgh Fest'
- 2004 ADELAIDE FRINGE FESTIVAL – performed in 'Best of the Edinburgh Fest', subsequently touring Australia culminating in a sell-out week at the Sydney Comedy Store

**"DARKLY HILARIOUS. GILBERT'S MOST SATISFYING SHOW FOR A DECADE. IT'S GOOD TO HAVE HIM BACK"** *Times*

**"VOLCANIC, HIGH OCTANE HUMOUR. UPROARIOUSLY FUNNY"** *Guardian*

**"BRITAIN'S CROSSEST COMIC ROARS BACK IN STYLE. HILARIOUS TOUR-DE-FORCE"** *Telegraph*

**"WITHOUT DOUBT ONE OF THE BEST COMEDIANS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD"** *Time Out*

**"IN COMIC TERMS HE LOOKS INDOMITABLE"** *Guardian*

**"COMEDY MANNA FROM HEAVEN"** *Independent*

**"A JOY TO BEHOLD"** *Times*

**"A VIRTUOSO PERFORMANCE...EXHILARATING, PASSIONATE AND SPARKLINGLY FUNNY"** *Chortle*

**"GILBERT'S PERFORMANCE IS POWERHOUSE"** *Metro*

**"EXHILARATING STAND-UP, MISGUIDED RAGE ELEVATED TO A SUBLIME DEGREE OF STORYTELLING ...UNFLAGGINGLY BRILLIANT"** *Scotsman*

**"BLISTERING TOUR-DE-FORCE"** *Time Out*

**"TURBO-CHARGED...MAGNIFICENT"** *Evening Standard*

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★★★★★ SCOTSMAN

★★★★★ METRO

★★★★★ CHORTLE

★★★★★ HERALD

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