



Garry Richardson

Garry Richardson has been a broadcaster for the BBC for over 35 years. He is best known as the Sports Presenter on Radio Four's prestigious **Today** programme. He also presents **Sportswave** on Five Live every Sunday morning & is a regular contributor on BBC television. He has also reported on five Olympic games for the BBC.

Garry's big love is performing on the after dinner circuit - 2012 will make his 26th year as one of the country's funniest speakers.

Garry's speech is a rich mixture of stories & anecdotes about his life in broadcasting including his incredible interview with President Bill Clinton in Wimbledon's Royal Box in front of 18,000 tennis fans sitting under umbrellas & 10 million viewers on BBC1.

Down the years he has interviewed a galaxy of stars & his stories about his broadcasting life has made him a hugely popular speaker. He has performed to a wide range of clients on the after dinner circuit & believes that his popularity as a speaker is down to his routine.

As he says, "*All audiences will contain sports fans & even if you're not a sports fan my stories are so general it doesn't matter.*" This point is underlined by an appearance at the National School Bursars Association where 80% of the audience out of 250 were women. The organisation were so delighted with Garry's performance they booked him for their national event!

It's at the corporate business dinners where Garry has proved to be an outstanding success. He has been booked no less than 9 times by the Institute of Directors & worked regularly for Coutts Bank entertaining prospective new clients in the Directors dining room.

Garry's attention to detail & dedication as an after dinner speaker make him one of the countries busiest performers. It's his ability to deliver such a crafted & humorous speech that enables him to perform to such a wide variety of audiences.

For example, his clients in December 2011 included the British Health Care Association, the Mortgage Advice Bureau & the Institute of Corrosion. Performing to such diverse organisations would test any speaker but as ever Garry received rave reviews for his performances with the Health Care Association saying, "*please can we book you again next year.*"

Garry will speak sometimes to just a handful of guests while on other occasions audiences are much larger. He's appeared on consecutive nights at the Grosvenor House entertaining 1200 guests at each dinner, at the Chemical Industries Dinner he received a standing ovation. Chief Executive Steve Elliott commented. *"I've had many favourable comments"* with a Tory Front Bencher saying *"it was the most original & entertaining speech I'd ever heard."*

The following night at the Grosvenor Garry addressed the Oil Industries Club. The secretary of the club wrote afterwards to say, *"One of the best & funniest speakers we have ever had - the applause at the end showed the appreciation. I hope you leave a few spaces in your diary for a return visit."*

Garry will always liaise with clients ahead of functions making sure nothing is left to chance. The list of clients he has spoken to is impressive & include:-

The Automobile Association, Audi, AT&T, British Airways, Sytner Cars, Mortgage Lenders, Concrete Society, Tesco, KPMG, Institute of Mechanical Engineers, Insolvency Lawyers Association, IBM, Society of Chartered Accountants, Institution of Lighting Engineers, National Egg & Poultry Conference, Institute of Chartered Accountants - Manchester, Hull, Leeds, Exeter, Hertfordshire, Cumbria - Insurance Institute Southampton, Royal Bank of Scotland, OFTEC, Securities Institute, HSBC, Heating & Ventilating Association, Steel Constructions Institute, Savills Estate Agents, Freight Transport Association, Property Agents Association, British Precast Concrete Federation.

Garry's mixture of anecdotes prove time & time again to be a hit with his audiences!

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