

Ian Irving - Biography

Ian started his show business career in 1986 winning many talent shows at a wide range of venues around the Country.

His first television appearance was on *Surprise, Surprise*, in 1987, And went on to be in the finals of the national television talent show *New Faces* also in 1987.

He has appeared in many of the most prestigious venues around the country, supporting many leading performers, including Lionel Richie, Elkie Brooks, Jim Davidson, Russ Abbott, Bonnie Tyler, Smokey Robinson, The Four Tops, and The Drifters, and the Jersey Boys.

When Ian performed at the world famous *London Palladium*, He supported host of top showbiz stars, culminating with an appearance at Another top class venue *Her Majesty's Theatre* in London.

He regularly works for the armed services entertaining our troops Around the world, as well as regularly performing internationally in, Cyprus, Dubai, Malta, Paris, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, and the USA.

Ian's extensive cabaret performances have incorporated many summer seasons on the holiday camp circuit for family favourites including, Butlins, Pontins, Warners, Havens and many other holiday venues in the U.K. He regularly performs on cruise liners worldwide run by the major holiday companies.

As a regular on the After Dinner-speaking circuit, Ian has worked with luminaries from varied sports including, Sir Geoff Hurst, Sir Henry Cooper, Nick Faldo, Kevin Keegan, Lennox Lewis, Frank Bruno, Alec Stewart, Matt Dawson, Phil Tuffnell, Graham Gooch, Barry McGuigan, Allan Lamb, Willie John McBride, Gareth Edwards and Bill Beaumont to name a few.

Ian has experience from both sides of the camera working as a warm up Artist for TV favourites *Blankety Blank & Fast Friends* with Les Dawson *Brush strokes*, with Carl Howman, *In Sickness and in health*, with Warren Mitchell, and *Bread*, he performed live on *Pebble Mill*, & *Kilroy*, Which led in turn to a Walk on part in the TV series *The Chief*, He has also appeared on *Celebrity Squares* With Bob Monkhouse, Which led to his own half hour TV show called *Stand and Deliver*. Ian lives in rural Essex and two sons Dale & Ryan.