

Rod Woodward

Award winning Welsh comedian (The Royal Variety Performance)

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About

Rod Woodward is the son of eminent Welsh sports writer, Karl Woodward. He planned to follow his Dad and take up a career in the media. However, when offered a job as an audience warm up man for TV, he took a year out for university to pursue a childhood ambition of becoming a professional comedian.

Since then Rod has been tipped for the comedy stardom by such greats as Peter Kay and the late Bob Monkhouse after winning the Best Newcomer to Variety Award. Having supported Paddy McGuinness and Russell Brand on tour, he won the BBC 1 Wales comedy competition Funny Business.

He performed at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas ahead of Joe Calzaghe's super fight with Bernard Hopkins. And to celebrate Cardiff City reaching the FA Cup final, Rod wrote and performed comedy song 'Do The Ayatollah' backed by more than 100 Bluebirds fans. Set to the tune of the Macarena, it was a social media sensation and was featured on network radio and TV, including Soccer AM and GMTV.

The highlight of Rod's career to date was being invited to perform at the London Palladium before William and Kate, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, on the Royal Variety Performance.

Rod's hobbies include swimming, playing the piano and, until an injury, playing football. He broke his leg during a five-a-side tournament. Since the premature (though some would say not a moment too soon) end of his soccer career he has had to settle for the gentler sport of golf and is a member of Llanishen and Ridgeway Golf Clubs as well as the Variety Club Golf Society.

He is still a keen sports enthusiast and has supported Everton since his father covered the 1984 FA Cup Final and brought him back a Watford hat (which he bought prior to the game) before Everton went on to win. By default Rod instantly became a blue nose. Fickle!

Video



Testimonials



A number of people have told me how they thought you were the best speaker we have had at any of our events going back over 15 years.

Andrew Madden, Charis



Thank you very much for your splendid performance for our annual conference dinner. You had them laughing in the aisles and you managed to pitch the tone just right. I have had many delegates congratulate me on the choice of performer. So, many thanks for a splendid job.

Dr Tim Wreghitt, Public Health
Laboratory Service



Many thanks once again for your contribution to the success of our Awards Dinner. I hope our paths cross again during what I trust will be your very successful comedy career.

Gordon Taylor, Chief Executive,
Professional Footballers Association



Who's the best speaker you have ever heard?' is arguably the question I am asked most often... Many names leap to mind. Rod Woodward is one of them.

Bryn Williams, Toastmaster to the
Queen



Rod Woodward is a young Dave Allen.

Peter Kay



He has a rare intelligence which puts me in mind of Bob Monkhouse, the material being witty, topical and superbly timed...

Peter Hepple, editor The Stage



A brilliant young comic with great style and repose.

Barry Cryer



Thank you for providing superb entertainment. You were the perfect end to a perfect evening.

Joanne Braham. Caerphilly Business
Forum

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