RICHARD HAMMOND

Presenter of BBC's "Top Gear"





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Richard is an award winning British television presenter who sprang to prominence with Top Gear in 2002 – a flagship show for BBC 2, now currently in its 16th series.

He brings an easy charm to camera, enhanced with a gentle and often self-mocking wit – amply shown in Top Gear in which he tackles both cars and Clarkson with wry and infectious humour.

His lively warmth enhanced his BBCTV opt out for Children in Need, a characteristic he also transfers to Radio something of which he is also an expert having had eight years experience presenting and producing for various stations across the North including BBC North, BBC Radio York and BBC Radio Leeds as well as his weekly motoring hour on LBC. Moving out of the garage, Richard tackled scientific matters for Sky One with BRAINIAC – a sort of Tomorrows World meets Jackass, which he presented for 5 series. To demonstrate one of his other interests he hosted Crufts for two consecutive years. In 2006 he teamed up with Mel Giedroyc to host RICHARD HAMMOND'S 5 O'CLOCK SHOW for ITV, a live magazine style show discussing popular and unusual topics with regular competitions.

Continuing to enjoy variety in his career, Richard has made several documentaries: Richard Hammond and The Holy Grail – following Richard's own journey across several continents and his conclusions; The Gunpowder Plot: Exploding the Legend, where history was revisited and a life size replica of the Houses of Parliament built and then blown up to see what would have happened had Guy Fawkes succeeded, and Timewatch – Bloody Omaha, revealing the truth about the D-Day landing at Omaha beach and the incredible bravery, and moving stories of those involved.

In 2007, Richard filmed the highly acclaimed National Geographic series – Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections where he traversed the globe investigating modern miracles of engineering and how their existence could be attributed to things as diverse as a bird cage to a 19th Century rocket.

Autumn of 2008, saw the Top Gear Live show go on the road. The first shows were staged in London, Birmingham and Dublin. February 2009 Top Gear Live was taken to Johannesburg, Auckland, Sydney and Hong Kong. Top Gear Live goes back on the road in 2011. This extraordinary extravaganza is the TV format brought to life with dazzling special effects, breath-taking stunts, live motoring performances and the entertaining banter that people have come to expect when the three presenters get together.

Total Wipeout also launched in 2009 and airing on BBC One, prime time on Saturday nights. It is an action packed game show filmed against the stunning backdrop of Argentina.

In the autumn of 2009, Richard filmed Invisible Worlds for BBC1. In the series of

three programmes, Richard looked beyond the limits of the human eye with the aid of state-of-the-art technology, that explores the hidden secrets of the world around us.

In the summer of 2010, Richard narrated and presented a three part documentary series called Naked Earth. Using bold CGI imaging techniques and the latest scientific terrain data, Naked Earth peels away the layers of the earth and drains the oceans to reveal the hidden workings of Planet Earth, letting the viewers see the machinery below its lid, how it works and how it affects each and every one of us

Hammond Meets Moss is a BBC documentary film telling the story of two big shunt survivors: Richard Hammond and Sir Stirling Moss, speaking openly and candidly about their rehabilitation after the horrors of their respective crashes. The film, shows both Richard and Stirling sharing the same life altering experiences and giving insight into the complex, often staggering ways, in which the brain repairs itself after a traumatic experience.

November, 2010 saw the release of Hamsters Car Spotter, an iphone application devised and developed by Richard whereby the players have the chance to be the best car spotter in the world. The App contains hundreds of cars to spot. Players will see a small detail of a car and have to guess the model. Over a set period of time, other detailed shots of the same car will appear. The faster a player chooses the correct answer, the more points are scored.

Richard's latest Top Gear DVD, Apocalypse, filmed alongside James May, was also launched in November 2010

Richard has also successfully channeled his talents into the Corporate Market for a broad array of clients and currently continues to be in high demand for both hosting ceremonies, presenting awards and after dinner speaking. Richard is an extremely amusing speaker who also inspires his audiences on what how an individual can achieve their goals not matter what the challenges