



Kirsty Wark

Kirsty Wark is one of Britain's most highly regarded and versatile presenters. As a regular presenter of Newsnight (BBC2) and The Review Show (BBC2) as well as The Book Quiz (BBC4) and Question of Genius (BBC2), her portfolio has extended from current affairs to the arts.

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She joined the BBC as a graduate researcher in 1976 for BBC Radio Scotland, going on to become a producer in radio current affairs. After a spell on Radio 4's The World At One, Kirsty moved to television in 1983 - working as a producer on Reporting Scotland and later producing and presenting the current affairs weekly Seven Days. Kirsty has interviewed many top politicians - from Tony Blair in January 1996 to Margaret Thatcher in 1990.

Kirsty presented the 1987 **General Election** in Scotland and the three subsequent elections. She has also presented several major OB's and the openings of the Tate Modern and the Scottish Parliament. From 1990-1993 she presented the Arts programme **The Late Show** and in 1993 fronted the popular BBC heritage series **One Foot In The Past** - a role she continued into 2000. In October 1993 she joined BBC2's **Newsnight** and has also presented Newsnight Review since 2001. Kirsty also presents an occasional series of interviews for BBC4 with guests as wide ranging as Toni Morrison, Hannan Ashrawi, Woody Allen & Pete Doherty. She

also presents the prestigious Man Booker literary awards for BBC2 and BBC4.

Forming the independent television production company WARK CLEMENTS & CO. with Alan Clements in 1990, she then presented much of the company's output, including **Words With Wark, Restless Nation, Building A Nation, The Kirsty Wark Show, Lives Less Ordinary** and **Tales from Europe.**

Kirsty was named journalist of the year by BAFTA Scotland in 1993 and Best Television Presenter in 1997. In addition, Kirsty was chosen as Scot of the Year 1998 - sponsored by Scotland On Sunday & Glenfiddich and was awarded the 1999 News and Current Affairs prize by Carlton Women in Film and Television. She was also nominated for the prestigious Richard Dimbleby Award for Best Television Presenter (Factual, Features and News) in the BAFTAS 2000. Kirsty was born in Dumfries and educated in Kilmarnock. She is married to Alan Clements and has two children.

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