

Biographies

Griff Rhys Jones



Griff Rhys Jones is best known for his work with the BBC, most notably for *Book Worm* and the comedy sketch shows *Not The Nine O'Clock News* and *Alas Smith And Jones*. He is a prolific actor and writer and has recently been concentrating on radio work, with one of his shows, BBC Radio 4's *Do Go On*, picking up a Sony award.

Griff's other film work includes roles in *Puckoon* and *Wilt*, for which he won Top Comedy Actor at the British Comedy Awards in 1990. Griff has also scooped an Emmy Award for *Alas Smith And Jones*, and has been awarded two Olivier awards for his roles in *An Absolute Turkey* and *Charlie's Aunt*.

He was heavily involved in restoring the legendary Hackney Empire, which re-opened in January this year after a massive overhaul of the theatre by Tim Ronald's Architects. Griff led the Hackney Empire Appeal Campaign, which raised £17m and led to a major

programme of redevelopment and extensive restoration of the facilities, while preserving the original features that made it one of the most popular venues in London.

Griff has written a book called *To The Baltic With Bob*, about a sailing journey to Russia in a small boat, which was published by Penguin last year. The paperback edition will be released in November 2004.

He has recently finished filming *Mine All Mine*, a comedy-drama for ITV which will transmit in October 2004.

Ptolemy Dean

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Ptolemy Dean is an architect who specialises in the repair of historic buildings and the design of new buildings in sensitive sites. Having worked since qualification in 1992 for a number of specialist firms, Ptolemy plans to set up his own practice, Ptolemy Dean Architects, in 2004.

