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**NOT JUST HOSTS
& ENTERTAINMENT**
BUT MUCH MUCH MORE...

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS,
CONFERENCE CHAIRS,
MODERATORS AND MORE...

THE BUSINESS
OF SPEAKING



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Welcome to Performing Artistes

We have been supplying people to give speeches, chair conferences and host awards ceremonies for over 30 years. As well as speakers, we also supply entertainment such as bands, magicians and cabaret acts, not to mention Voice of Gods.

From our headquarters in the heart of C London, we supply people around the world, and through a network of contacts, are able to find the right person from whatever genre, wherever they are required.

In addition to events, we also supply talent for marketing/advertising and PR campaigns ranging from one off appearances through to media days, all the way through to a multifaceted campaign.

Regardless of whether you are booking a one off act for a few hundred pounds, or a big name celebrity costing tens of thousands of pounds, we apply the same dedication to your booking. We take you from initial enquiry stage, all the way through to successful delivery.

Over 70% of our business each year is repeat, having worked with many clients for years, if not decades! We like to think this is testament to our dedication to customer service and delivery, time after time.

Whether you're new to events, or an industry veteran, welcome to our latest booklet. Our mantra remains: we work for you!

Performing Artistes is The Business of Speaking

Conferences Chairs & Moderators

We always recommend that the person who facilitates your conference or seminar should be your first consideration when curating the event. They will set the tone for the whole day(s) and be the conduit between the audience and contributors, especially important when some may be dialling in remotely.

There is much talk in this book about Diversity and Inclusion, and if you are likely to struggle to have a reasonable balance of contributors in this regard, we would argue a moderator from a diverse background can make up for 2 or 3 non diverse participants on stage, not least as they are seen all day.

Emma Barnett

Emma is the new presenter on Radio 4's flagship Today programme. Having presented Woman's Hour and Newsnight for the past few years, she is an inveterate journalist, presenting with compassion, yet vigour, with credits on both sides of the Atlantic. These same attributes are also appreciated in the corporate market, whether she's chairing a conference, giving a keynote address or hosting an awards ceremony.

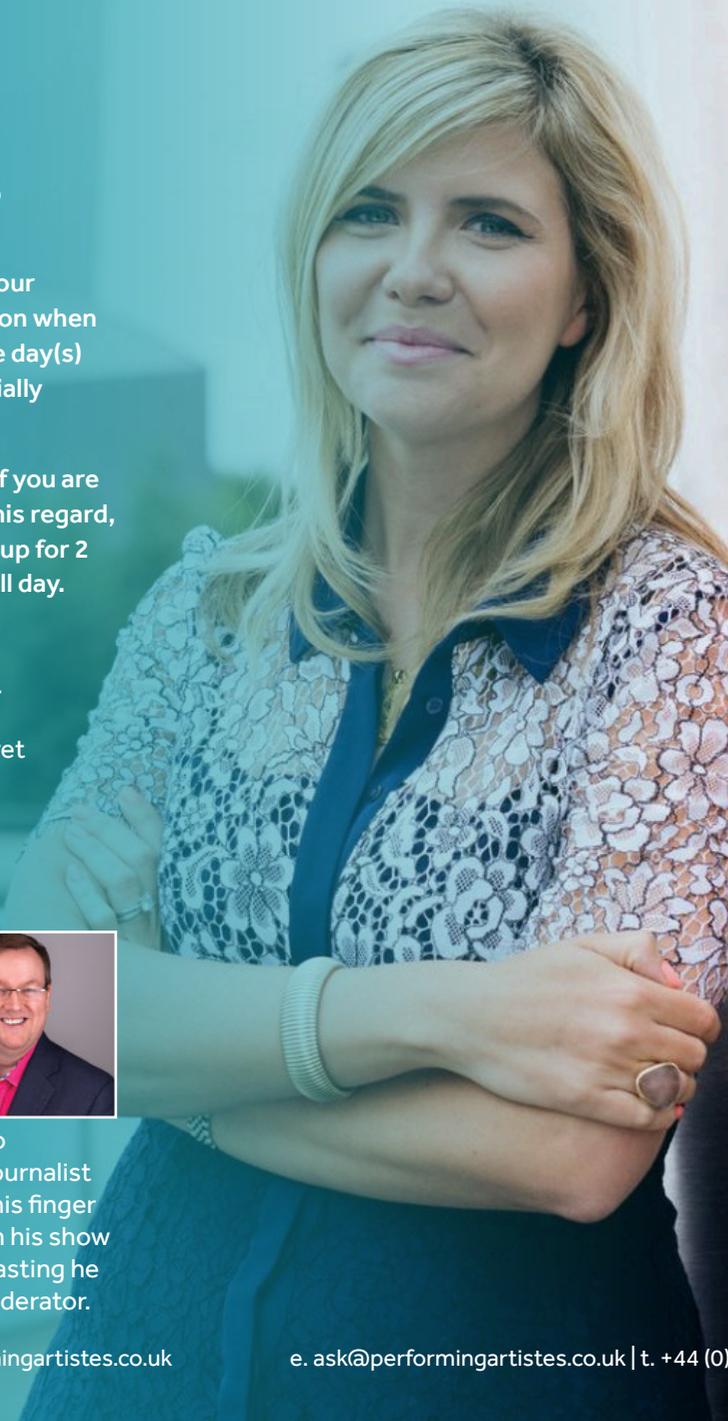
Charlene White

We first met Charlene almost a decade ago, and started working with her immediately. Her career has since flourished across various ITV outlets and we're delighted to still consider her a firm friend.



Declan Curry

Declan's a long time friend of ours, with our relationship dating back over 2 decades. He came to prominence as a financial journalist on the BBC and still keeps his finger on the economic pulse with his show on LBC. Away from broadcasting he is a renowned chair and moderator.



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| Matthew Amroliwala | Maxine Mawhinney |
| Zeinab Badawi | Steph McGovern |
| Emma Barnett | Louise Minchin |
| Alice Baxter | Sarah Montague |
| Todd Benjamin | Juliet Morris |
| Tanya Beckett | Naga Munchetty |
| Sanchia Berg | Dermot Murnaghan |
| Jackie Bird | Clive Myrie |
| Fiona Bruce | Andrew Neil |
| Michael Buerk | Mary Nightingale |
| Andrea Catherwood | Keme Nzerem |
| Reeta Chakrabarti | Nicholas Owen |
| Stephen Cole | Adam Parsons |
| Clive Coleman | Maggie Philbin |
| Declan Curry | Nisha Pillai |
| Victoria Derbyshire | Richard Quest |
| Katie Derham | Sophie Raworth |
| Jonny Dymond | Beth Rigby |
| Lyse Doucet | Stuart Rock |
| Gavin Esler | Tim Sebastian |
| Helen Fospero | Ritula Shah |
| Philippa Forrester | Babita Sharma |
| Matt Frei | Kate Silverton |
| Joanna Gosling | Martin Sixsmith |
| Nik Gowing | Jon Snow |
| Krishnan Guru-Murthy | Charlie Stayt |
| Yalda Hakim | Alastair Stewart |
| Roger Harrabin | Jeremy Thompson |
| Aaron Heslehurst | Nadira Tudor |
| Lucy Hockings | Hannah Vaughan |
| Nina Hossain | Jones |
| John Humphrys | Karishma Vaswani |
| Simon Hughes | Jeremy Vine |
| Mishal Husain | Kirsty Wark |
| Simon Jack | Justin Webb |
| Ian King | Charlene White |
| Zoe Kleinman | Tim Willcox |
| Laura Kuenssberg | Sian Williams |
| Emily Maitlis | Andrew Wilson |
| Paul Mason | |

Keynotes Motivational Speakers

We've always had a problem with the term "motivational speaker". A) it's subjective as to whether you feel motivated by a speech, but B) if you're paying for a speaker, surely inspiration should be a given, and by extension, that inspiration should lead to motivation.

Semantics aside, a good half of the briefs we receive would roughly be described as these. For the purposes of this booklet, we've decided to focus on the topics people are currently requesting the most.

Marvin Rees OBE

Marvin Rees stepped down from being Mayor of Bristol in Spring '24, after two successful terms. A true trailblazer, he was the first person of African heritage to lead a European city, and was a Co-Chair of the Global Parliament of Mayors. His terms in office covered the COVID pandemic and lockdowns, the leap in the cost of living – he pioneered heat banks – and the toppling of the statue of Edward Colston. An eloquent and informed speaker, his topics include leadership, the role of local government on a national stage, race and climate change. His TedTalk - 'How is your city tackling the climate crisis?' has received over 1.3m views!



Marvin Rees OBE



Dwayne Fields



'Bank of Dave'
Dave Fishwick



Mandy Hickson
One of the RAF's first
female Fast Jet Pilots

Keynote & Business Leadership Speakers

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| Kriss Akabusi | Paul McGee |
| John Amaechi | Rory McKenzie |
| Rasmus Ankersen | Chris Moon |
| Steve Backley | Fabrice Muamba |
| Clare Balding | Richard Noble |
| Roger Black | Bonita Norris |
| Guy Browning | Phil Packer |
| Dr Ed Coats | Chris Parry |
| Lord Sebastian Coe | Dr Steve Peters |
| Prof Brian Cox | Sir Matthew Pinsent |
| James Cracknell | Katie Piper |
| Steve Cram | Lisa Potts |
| Catherine Destiville | Lewis Pugh |
| Sir Ranulph Fiennes | Geoff Ramm |
| Sean Fitzpatrick | Sir Steve Redgrave |
| Ben Fogle | Nigel Risner |
| Richard Gerver | Dr Jez Rose |
| David & Carrie Grant | Joanna Rowsell Shand |
| Bear Grylls | Roz Savage |
| Pen Hadow | Debra Searle |
| Monty Halls | Helen Sharman |
| Nic Hamilton | Shed Simove |
| Sahar Hashemi | Joe Simpson |
| Anna Hemmings | Mike Southon |
| Sir Lenny Henry | Matthew Syed |
| Marc Hogan | Gareth Thomas |
| Justin Hughes | Jamie Murray Wells |
| Michael Johnson | Simon Weston |
| Kevin Keegan | Toyah Willcox |
| Kanya King | Levison Wood |
| Jim Lawless | Marc Woods |
| Penny Mallory | Sir Clive Woodward |
| Gareth Malone | Martine Wright |
| John McCarthy | |

Keynotes Diversity & Inclusion

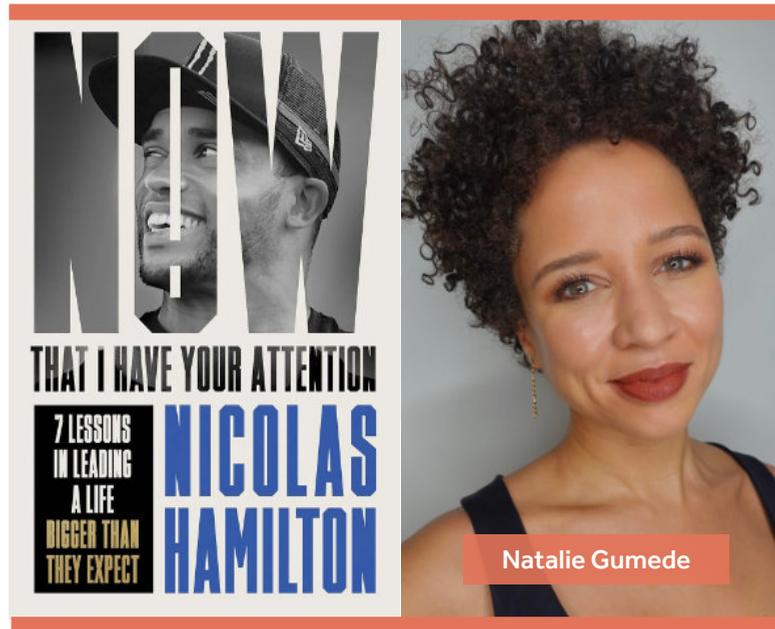
Throughout our history we've always ensured that the lists of suggestions we send to clients have a good mix of males and females, and in recent years ensured that covers all areas of diversity including race, (dis)ability and sexuality. We believe by actively ensuring our lists are as diverse as possible, it increases the chance of our clients having more diverse line ups, better reflecting their audiences, staff and the population at large.

Nic Hamilton

We've known Nic for nearly 10 years, and helped launch him on to the corporate circuit. Born with Cerebral Palsy, Nic has used hard work and determination to fulfil his dream of competing in top level motorsport (DTM and British Touring Cars). He talks about his firm belief that you can do anything you put your mind to, and released his first book in April '24 "Now that I have your attention – 7 lessons in Leading a Life".

Natalie Gumede

Natalie is an award winning actress and presenter. Having made her break through on Coronation Street, she's gone on to have roles in various successful series on streaming platforms such as Netflix and Amazon Prime, and was even runner up on Strictly Come Dancing! Away from the stage



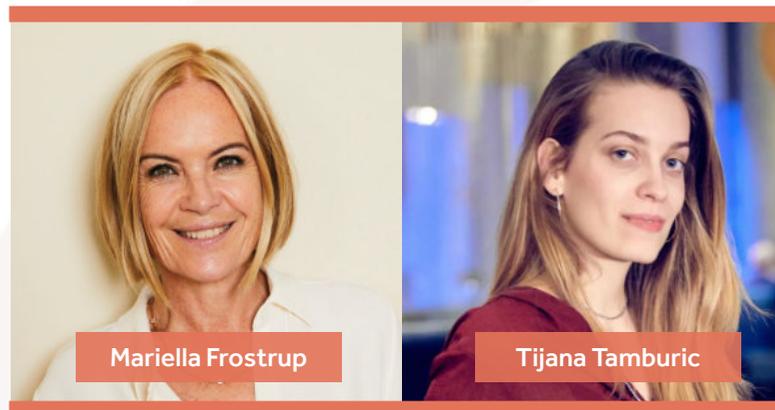
Natalie Gumede

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| Hayley Barnard | Donna Fraser | Paul Redmond |
| Poorna Bell | Sir Lenny Henry | Kate Richardson-Walsh |
| Munroe Bergdof | Oona King | Helen Richardson-Walsh |
| Ceril Campbell | Keegan Kirst | June Sarpong |
| Tim Campbell | Amy Lamé | Babita Sharma |
| Maxine De Brunner | Stephen Lue | Julia Streets |
| Chidera Eggerue | Pinky Lilani | Gareth Thomas |
| Lucy Edwards | Catherine Mayer | |
| Caryn Franklin | Trevor Phillips | |

and screen, she's a fascinating speaker and host, explaining how a mixed race girl from Lancashire has managed to carve out a successful career in one of the most of demanding and competitive industries in the world.

Mariella Frostrup

Midlife and menopausal women today make up the fastest growing cohort at work, yet surveys show many women are uncomfortable discussing symptoms or receiving necessary support from their employers. Mariella draws on her own experiences to create sessions designed to equip both those going through the menopause, and those who work with them - be they managers or colleagues - on what they need to know to manage the symptoms and the support required, from perimenopause onwards.



Mariella Frostrup

Tijana Tamburic

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Tijana is a Serbian-British entrepreneur and the co-founder of London-based creative agency Female Narratives. The agency works with a collective of over 100 female and non-binary freelancers to tell real stories for brands. Tijana hosts The Vulnerability Challenge podcast, in which friends set her monthly challenges from around the world and explores vulnerability; her TEDx Talk 'When My Masculine Met My Feminine' has over 42,000 views and her opinion pieces, columns and articles are widely read.

Keynotes Sustainability

Sustainability has received much lip service over the years, but interest in it has tended to be inversely proportional to the state of the economy. In short, when budgets were tight, interest waned - it was a nice to have. No more! Consumers now expect businesses to be sustainable, and to take seriously their impact on the world, while young talent coming into the workforce want to work for companies with a conscience, and with continuing constraints on the labour force, it is an imperative for businesses to act.

Lucy Siegle

Lucy has become our go to sustainability speaker and facilitator in recent years. She has chaired the net.Zero Festival since its inception, and is a regular speaker at events. An author of multiple books on the environment, she has also been a reporter and presenter on BBC1's The One Show, following the problem of single use plastic and wider ecological issues.



Philippa Forrester

During a career spanning over two decades, Philippa has produced and presented documentaries on the natural world, and our affect on it. Having started out on Tomorrow's World, she took a degree in Environmental Science and has worked for National Geographic and Discovery as well as the BBC. She's now based back in the UK and proving a popular addition to events with sustainable themes once again.



Roger Harrabin

Roger has been reporting on Climate Change for more than 3 decades, and seen a niche topic become fully mainstream. Having recently stepped down from his role as BBC Climate Editor, he is now much freer to concentrate on corporate events and other assignments.



Monica FERIA-TINTA

Monica is the author of the forthcoming book A Barrister for the Earth which focuses on the power of the law to precipitate change in addressing climate change and protecting life on Earth. She acted in the first climate change case brought before the UN Human Rights Committee for the Torres Strait Islanders; It secured a landmark decision protecting the rights of peoples in low-lying islands from climate change. She has been active in many cases relating to environmental damage and pollution including the protection of rivers, biodiversity and the enforcement of the UN COP21 Paris Agreement.



Chris Beardshaw
Rosie Boycott
Lord John Browne
Prof. Roland Clift
Sarah Cruddas
Jo Fairley
Philippa Forrester
Dusty Gedge
Jeremy Gilley
Bear Grylls

Pen Hadow
Roger Harrabin
Oliver Heath
Paul Heiney
Kate Humble
Emmanuel Jal
Tony Juniper
Laurence Kembal-Cook
Charlie Luxton
Robert Llewellyn

George McGavin
Dominic McVey
Chris Packham
Jonathon Porritt
Lewis Pugh
Sir Tim Smit
Michaela Strachan
Dick Strawbridge

Keynotes Geo-Politics

H Has there been such a time since the end of the Cold War that Geo-Politics has played such an important role in all our lives? From Russia's invasion of Ukraine, conflict in the middle East, tensions on the Korean peninsula, China's uncertain loyalties and a controversial fight for the White House, we are living in truly unprecedented times.

Ed Balls
David Blunkett
Jeremy Bowen
Nick Bryant
Vince Cable
Alastair Campbell
Nick Clegg
Alastair Darling
Lyse Doucet
Jonny Dymond
Gavin Esler
Matt Frei
Frank Gardner
Matthew Goodwin
Nik Gowing
Lord William Hague
John Humphrys
Alan Johnson
Luke Johnson
Lord Digby Jones
Lord Norman Lamont
Sir John Major
Emily Maitlis
Peter Mandelson

Mark Mardell
Andrew Marr
Clive Myrie
Andrew Neil
George Osbourne
Matthew Parris
Jeremy Paxman
John Pienaar
Eve Pollard
Rt. Hon. Michael Portillo
Lord John Reid
Alex Salmond
Tim Sebastian
John Sergeant
Tim Shipman
Martin Sixsmith
Jack Straw
Jeremy Vine
Nick Watt
Justin Webb
Lord West
David Willets

Clive Myrie

Clive has been a stalwart of BBC News for many years now, and was very prominent during the early parts of the Russia Ukraine conflict. He started his career as a foreign correspondent, variously working as Washington Correspondent, Europe Correspondent, Asia Correspondent and Africa Correspondent. He has reported from more than 80 countries on some of the most important news events over the last 20 years including the wars in Croatia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq and of course most recently Ukraine. Clive has a particular interest in US politics covering the administrations of three Presidents (Clinton, Bush and Obama,) and reported on numerous Congressional mid term elections and two Presidential races.



Nik Gowing

Regular readers of our booklet and newsletters will know we've worked with Nik for much of the 30 year history of the company. With much of what we have been going through described as *unthinkable*, he can truly claim to have written the book: "Thinking the Unthinkable" was published 5 years ago, predicting all of the current issues, and many people thought he was



alarmist, if not crazy. Sadly not now! As a long time contributor to think tanks such as Chatham House, and participant at international conferences such as the World Economic Forum and COP, he can provide a unique insight into the vulnerabilities facing leaders around the world, from business to government to the military while also being a sought after moderator.



Keynotes | The Business Of Speaking

Emily Maitlis

Emily is co host of The News Agents podcast, alongside fellow former BBC journalist, Jon Sopel. Emily's 2 decade career has seen her report on stories from around the world, interviewing the leading players in geo politics, and covering international summits and conferences.



Martin Sixsmith

Martin Sixsmith has had a fascinating career. He started at the BBC where he was best known as Moscow and subsequently Washington correspondent, had a brief sojourn in government, before firmly establishing himself as a best selling author and broadcaster. His latest tome 'Putin and the Return of History: How the Kremlin Rekindled the Cold War' was published in January 2024.

Keynotes The Economy

Nearly 15 years after the financial crash which saw historically low interest rates become normal, and of course emergency measures arising from COVID, the economy feels like it could be at another pivotal point. Those who have warned for many years about ever lower interest rates, combined with quantitative easing leading to high rates of inflation, are feeling vindicated...add in supply chain issues, and global conflicts, the economy is facing a perfect storm. But is it transitory, as some suggest, or the start of a new era of high interest rates and low growth not seen for a generation?

Trevor Williams

Trevor served as Chief Economist at Lloyds Bank for over a decade. Now an author, academic and consultant, he analyses the key trends and policies that shape the economy and markets. From energy and climate to how companies use their data to understand the wider economy, he brings clarity and relevance to an often complex and abstract field.

Ian King

Ian is the leading business presenter on Sky News, where he hosts his own evening show from Monday to Friday. Ian started out as a business analyst at HSBC before embarking on his journalism career at the Daily Telegraph, before becoming Business & City Editor at The Times. Ian's views are highly sought after and well respected within the business community.

Vicky Pryce

is an economist, author, commentator and member of the

board of the Centre for Economics and Business Research. She was previously Senior Managing Director at FTI Consulting, Director General for Economics at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and Joint Head of the UK Government Economic Service. A brilliant speaker, she can provide forensic insight while still making it accessible and relevant to a broad audience.

Minette Batters DL

Minette was the first woman to be elected President of the National Farmers' Union in 113yrs. She has a natural gift for effective communication and talks about international trade - agriculture is always the first chapter to be discussed and the last to be agreed in any trade deal - farming in post Brexit Britain, and its role in sustainability, as well as the politics surrounding the rural economy.



Trevor Williams



Ian King



Minette Batters DL

- Gerald Ashley
- Tanya Beckett
- Jasmine Birtles
- Roger Bootle
- Vince Cable
- Philip Coggan
- Philip Collins
- Declan Curry
- Charles Davis
- Stephanie Flanders
- Matthew Goodwin
- Allister Heath
- Tim Harford
- Will Hutton
- Simon Jack
- Ian King
- Lord Lamont
- Paul Lewis
- Hamish McRae
- Emily Maitlis
- Paul Mason
- Andrew Neil
- Robert Peston
- Jeffrey Robinson
- David Smith
- Justin Urquhart
- Stewart
- Tony Travers
- Justin Webb
- Martin Wolf

Keynotes

Artificial Intelligence & Cyber Security

Artificial Intelligence has gone from being the stuff of science fiction, to a serious business tool that can help companies become more efficient and better serve their customers.

While it is still in its infancy, concerns of “the machines taking over” currently seem far fetched, with it often being little more than an algorithm, the like of which we are all familiar with through online advertising or even mapping tools. However, like all of these things, progress is rapid, and improving all of the time.

As with all tech, AI comes with potentially serious security implications. Just like the standard internet, there will be criminals out there keen to exploit and profit from it, so careful consideration needs to be given from its design up.



Hannah Fry
Hannah Fry is a Professor in the Mathematics of Cities at the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis at UCL

where she studies patterns in human behaviour. Her research applies to a wide range of social problems and questions, from shopping and transport to urban crime, riots and terrorism and looks at real world implementation of Artificial Intelligence.



Elin Hauge
According to Elin Hauge, understanding the basics of artificial intelligence should be as

compulsory for any leader in 2024 as having a computer. She claims that knowledge and competence is the only viable path for sustainable and profitable decision-making in the era of artificial intelligence. Elin has a humorous, down-to-earth and pragmatic approach to what is actually possible with AI here and now, what’s responsible to do in the context of both your company and society, and what you as a leader need to understand to make the right decisions.



Lasse Rouhiainen
Lasse’s seminars and workshops focus on training companies to gain a competitive advantage from generative AI tools such as ChatGPT. His presentations are not only easy to understand but also highly engaging. Lasse captures the attention of his audience by presenting real-life case studies and giving examples of how to create business value from generative AI. With these insights, he shows how business leaders can leverage AI to gain a competitive advantage in their industries.

- Charles Adler
- James Alexander
- Kate Ancketill
- Ian Aspin
- Steve Bartlett
- Kate Bellingham
- Daniel Bobroff
- Jason Bradbury
- Claire Burge
- Lorraine Candy
- Tom Chatfield
- Dan Cobley
- Peter Cochrane
- Dave Coplin
- Kenneth Cukier
- Will Francis
- Andrew Grill
- Ray Hammond
- Christer Holloman
- Christian Howes
- Alex Hunter
- Spencer Kelly
- Ray Kurzweil
- Roberta Lucca
- Jonathan MacDonald
- Alan Mak
- David McClelland
- Charlie McMurdie
- Inma Martinez
- Julie Meyer
- Dr. Simon Moores
- Rafe Offer
- Mark Van Rijmenam
- David Rowan
- Kate Russell
- Alex Sbardella
- Tom Scott
- Rohan Silva
- Michael Acton Smith
- Tiffany St James
- Cate Trotter
- Richard Watson
- Rachel Wingfield
- Jamie Woodruff
- Steve Wozniak

Friends of the Firm

The booklet is a yearly publication, and we endeavour to identify topics of interest for our readers, and the most relevant talent for each one. We also try to highlight new people, while not ignoring tried and tested experts.

However, looking back over the years, there are certain people with whom our relationships have deepened, and moved on from the merely transactional, to ones that have flourished into fully fledged relationships. Here are just a few who are true friends of the firm.



Eddie the Eagle Edwards

We first booked Eddie for a straight forward personal appearance at a double glazing conference 25 years ago! He's gone on to become a brilliant after dinner speaker whose story is both hilarious and inspirational, while the film of his Winter Olympic Achievements and subsequent reality TV appearances have helped maintain his profile,



Colin Murray

Colin is a force of nature, who brings energy and attention to detail to any hosting role, be it a dry conference, or celebratory awards evening. Not long after we first met, he was recording a series of interviews with all of the living British Olympic gold medallists in the run up to 2012, and we were delighted to be able to provide intros to a few missing guests, ensuring a full complement!



Dominic Holland

Our relationship with Dom goes back so far, his eldest son was about 18 months old, and middle twins just born. Over time we've followed his kids growing up, and see the eldest progress from ballet lessons at the local sports centre to Hollywood and the big screen.... Tom Holland is Spiderman now!



Zoe Lyons

Zoe is one of those comedians you see and immediately know she's got funny bones. Not only that, her stage presence combined with humility means she's a winner in front of any audience. Over the lockdown she was one of the first to help us with tentative virtual events, and became a regular in our studio.



Tanya Beckett

Tanya first came on to our radar, when we needed a multi-linguist, speaking as she does French, German and English. An esteemed financial journalist, she's gone onto chair numerous conferences for us bringing vigour and energy in equal measures.



Mishal Husain

We were first introduced to Mishal through Justin Webb when she was based in Washington, and Justin described her as a rising star...and never a truer word has been said! She's gone onto chair conference and host awards for us, not just in this country, but around the world, and as now a veteran of the Radio 4 Today programme, it's safe to say her star has truly risen.



Nicholas Owen

Nicholas came to us by way of an introduction from the late, great Peter Sissons...indeed another Friend of the

Firm! We think Nicholas has chaired, hosted or spoken at events for every conceivable sector, and often featured in our most booked people in a year lists. A consummate professional, and safe pair of hands, one of his recent bookings was at 10 hours' notice, covering someone who had fallen ill. A true pro!



Lucy Porter

We first came across Lucy at the Edinburgh Fringe. 15 years on, we're still booking her, and like a fine wine, she gets better and better with the passing years. Renowned for tailoring her material to the audience and event, she's a true gem as well as being a lovely lady, we feel honoured to be able to call her a friend above all.

Marketing & Endorsements

We've supplied people for marketing and advertising campaigns for many years, and these can range from one off radio days, to full on multi year campaigns. Radio Days are where someone is hired to sit in a studio for a morning and be interviewed by different radio stations up and down the country. If you imagine driving up the M1 and tuning into local stations as you go, you could essentially hear the same interview each time, but with the local DJ and it would appear the talent is in the local studio with them.

The interviews are classed as editorial, so more often than not, the client would have commissioned a survey about whatever topic they want to discuss, and will get a name check when the survey is mentioned "XYZs survey shows the number of people planning on doing DIY work on their property has increase post pandemic" might be one for a home improvement company, or even a mortgage provider. We work with all of the main broadcast agencies that do these, and the regularity of them shows they clearly have an impact!

Case Studies

Dr Sarah Jarvis

Sarah is a stalwart of radio days, and worked with numerous brands over the years. As a practising GP, not to mention BBC contributor, she can't endorse

clients, but she is allowed to work as a medical advisor. Current clients include Lo Salt, Symprove and Medical Travel Compared. Away from radio days and campaigns, she is also a sort after conference chair, and awards hosts – while medical brands are an obvious fit, her high profile and professional nature make her an easy fit for all manner of sectors.

British Insurance Awards

We've been supplying the British Insurance Awards for over 12 years, and is one of the events we look forward to the most on account of the venue: The Royal Albert Hall! In addition to a host and entertainment, the evening ends with a named live band, however all contributors are kept secret until the night, so the anticipation of the audience reaction on the night is palpable!



Previous years hosts have included the likes of Bill Bailey, Katherine Ryan and Sindhu Vee, while the bands have ranged from Midge Ure to ABC to Rick Astley. Most recently Russell Kane received rapturous applause, before Sophie Ellis-Bextor helped everyone dance the night away.





Showcases & Nurturing Talent

We run showcase events throughout the year, and they tend to comprise of breakfast/lunch or afternoon tea briefings, online webinars (started during lockdown of course, but continuing to this day, as a time efficient way of showcasing talent) and of course our New Year Speaker Drinks.



Case Studies

One of our regular tech clients holds an annual expo in Central London for their customers and partner companies. Each year we supply an interesting speaker(s) to close the event with, an interesting challenge as the audience is drawn from around the globe, so much thought goes into who will have the correct and broad enough appeal. Last year Bear Grylls did the honours, and was interviewed by broadcasting legend, Sir Trevor McDonald.

As well as showcasing people, it's also a great way of nurturing new talent. Naomi Cooper has been a stand out host in recent years, and we can date it back to appearing at our New Year Speaker Drinks back in 2019. At our 30th Anniversary Dinner, Emmanuel Sonubi was the star of the night for many, delivering an hilarious set

resulting in multiple enquiries and indeed bookings.

On the serious side, Naga Munchetty started her corporate events odyssey with us, and in fact chaired a breakfast briefing where futurist Richard Watson made his UK events debut, having successfully predicted the '08/09



crash... (in '19 he even predicted a global pandemic).

Entertainment Stand Up Comedians

So far in the booklet we've looked at what we call "the serious" side of the business, but that's only half the story, and entertainment has always been the other half. We would say this is the "fun side", however if we're doing our job right, the serious stuff should still be enjoyable.

Stand Up Comedians

Stand Up Comedians cover much of the lighter side of what we do. From giving after dinner speeches, to hosting awards ceremonies, there are many ways clients like to bring a little showbiz to their events, and with the prevalence of comedy programmes on TV, they often prove to be a good draw.



Maisie Adam
Tom Allen
Ronni Ankona
Richard Ayoade
Stephen K Amos
David Baddiel
Charlie Baker
Bill Bailey
Angela Barnes
Rob Beckett
Andrew Bird
John Bishop
Frankie Boyle
Jo Brand
Rory Bremner
Kevin Bridges
Marcus Brigstocke
Doc Brown
Rob Brydon
Ed Byrne
Jason Byrne
Susan Calman
Jimmy Carr

Jasper Carrott
Jo Caufield
Paul Chowdhry
Bridget Christie
Alun Cochrane
Sean Collins
Roisin Conaty
Nina Conti
Steve Coogan
Hal Cruttenden
John Culshaw
Greg Davies
Jack Dee
Rob Deering
Gary Delaney
Hugh Dennis
Omid Djalili
Joel Dommett
Simon Evans
Micky Flanagan
Matt Forde
Ed Gamble
Rhod Gilbert

Ivo Graham
Rich Hall
Miranda Hart
Lenny Henry
Richard Herring
Harry Hill
Adam Hills
Dominic Holland
Alex Horne
Rufus Hound
Russell Howard
Reginald D. Hunter
Robin Ince
Rhys James
Milton Jones
Phil Jupitus
Miles Jupp
Russell Kane
Patrick Kielty
Shappi Khorsandi
Nish Kumar
Joe Lycett
Zoe Lyons

Olga Koch
Lee Mack
Jason Manford
Andrew Maxwell
Paul McCaffrey
Jimmy McGhie
Michael McIntyre
Sarah Millican
David Mitchell
Patrick Monahan
Justin Moorhouse
Al Murray
Lee Nelson (Simon Brodtkin)
Ross Noble
Geoff Norcott
Pierre Novellie
Dara O'Briain
Rory O'Hanlon
Funmbi Omotayo
Andy Parsons
Sara Pascoe
Lucy Porter

Chris Ramsey
Romesh Ranganathan
Jan Ravens
Jon Richardson
Andrew Ryan
Katherine Ryan

Paul Sinha
Frank Skinner
Dave Spikey
Debra Stephenson
Tiff Stevenson
Ian Stone
Aurie Styla

Ellie Taylor
Chris Turner
Tim Vine
Holly Walsh
Seann Walsh
Phil Wang
Tom Ward

Mark Watson
Henning Wehn
Jack Whitehall
Josh Widdicombe
Andy Zaltzman



Maisie Adam

Maisie has been one of our great discoveries over the last few years. She co-hosted a virtual from our studio with Josh Widdicombe which had us all in stitches, despite being a morning pre record! She's equally brilliant with live audiences, and with a growing number of TV appearances, one to watch!



Ellie Taylor

Ellie is now renowned for her starring role in Netflix hit Ted Lasso in which she plays Flo 'Sassy' Collins...a far cry from the room above a pub we first saw her in! She's also an in demand host for corporate events, where she deploys her very own brand of sass.

Katherine Ryan

We've had the pleasure of working with Katherine for over 15 years, and JJ would go so far as to describe her as a close personal friend (admittedly he says that about a lot of people...we - and they - humour him....). 15 years on, she's still one of our favourite bookings, and a firm favourite in a number of settings.



Olga Koch

Olga grew up in the UK, but graduated in Computer Science in the US before turning to comedy. An hilarious comedian, she was a huge hit at our 30th Anniversary Dinner, and delights audiences, both in the UK and abroad.



Entertainment After Dinner Raconteurs

We mentioned earlier that Stand up Comedians are often called upon to do after dinner speeches, however there is a subset of speakers that are probably best called raconteurs. They will indeed speak after the meal, and be witty and amusing, however they tend to be more anecdotal based, and not straight forward comedians.

Clive Anderson
Clare Balding
Martin Bayfield
Bob 'The Cat'
Bevan
Brian Blessed
Henry Blofeld
Jo Brand
Gyles Brandreth
Rory Bremner
Adger Brown
Alastair Campbell
Clive Coleman
Rev. Richard Coles
Kevin Connelly
Alexis Conran
Giles Coren
Chris Cowdrey
Barry Cryer
Jon Culshaw

Steve Davis
Eddie 'The Eagle'
Edwards
Dave Fishwick
Les Gibson
Robbie Glen
David Gower
David Gunson
William Hague
Dr Phil Hammond
Tony Hawks
Austin Healey
Ian Hislop
Dominic Holland
Sir Geoff Hurst
Ian Irving
Aaron James
Lord Digby Jones
Griff Rhys Jones
Dr. Kevin Jones

Kevin Keegan
Mark Kermode
Ken Livingstone
Robert Llewellyn
John Lloyd
Fred MacAulay
Andrew Marr
Gary Marshall
John Martin
Alistair McGowan
Donal MacIntyre
Perry McCarthy
David Mellor
Geoff Miller
David Mitchell
Alfie Moore
Tiff Needell
Rob Nothman
Lembit Opik
David Osbourne

Mike Osman
Ray Parlour
Matthew Parris
Eve Pollard
Rt. Hon. Michael
Portillo
Gerald Ratner
Garry Richardson
Sir Tony Robinson
John Sergeant
John Simonnett
Peter Simons
Sandi Toksvig
Bill Turnbull
Jeremy Vine
Simon Weston
Shaun Williamson
Quentin Willson
Rod Woodward
Alan Wright



Floella Benjamin

For those of a certain age, Floella will always be synonymous with Play School, however that is one small part of the story. A renowned actress, she's appeared on stage and screen for over 50 years, and now sits in the House of Lords. With a treasure trove of stories, she is equally adept providing keynotes, hosting awards, or indeed, speaking after dinner.



Paul Sinha

Paul's best known as one of the chasers on ITV's tea time hit, The Chase. Away from the programme he is a professional quizzer (and indeed married to another one...the perfect couple to take to a pub quiz night!). He is a brilliant comedian and raconteur, incorporating weird and wonderful facts in a similar vein to his various Radio 4 Series.



Clare Balding

Clare's broadcasting career has almost run parallel to our own, and we have indeed booked her throughout that time. When we first met her, you immediately knew this was a woman who was unfazed by anything. As well as a first class host and presenter, she is a brilliant after dinner speaker, hilarious and engaging.

Voice Of God

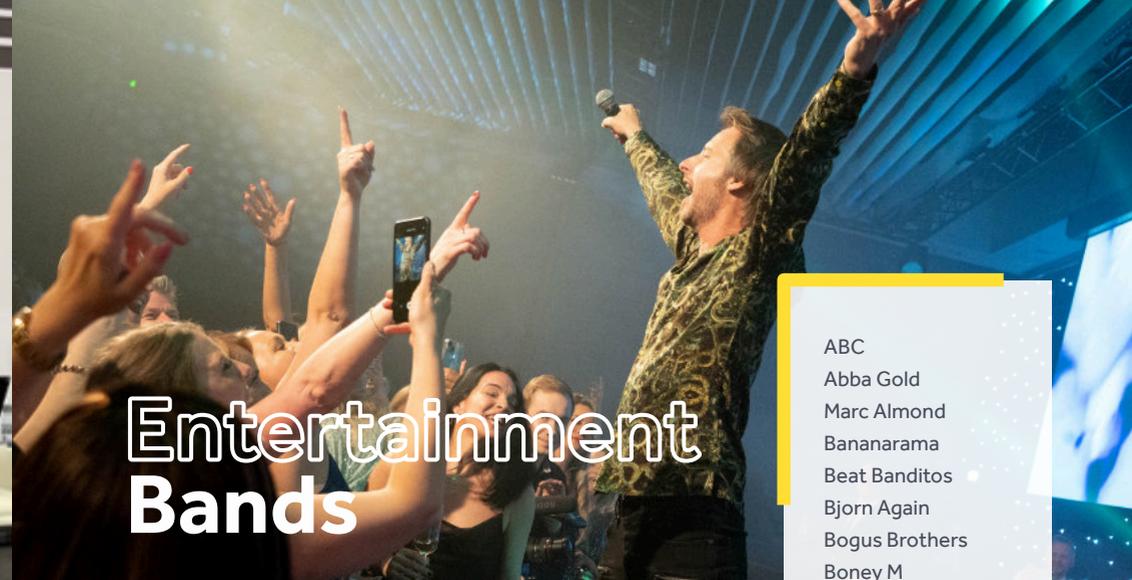
Many events we supply utilise a professional voice of God. They do the house keeping, help ensure everyone knows where they need to be at any given time, and in the case of awards, can help the presenters with shortlists and citations. Why do the presenters need help? Well, professional VoGs are dab hands at complicated pronunciations, plus a different voice can help aurally break up what can often be quite a long evening, when categories run to 30, 40 or more!

Darren Altman - BGT
 Jon Briggs – Voice of Siri
 Susan Bookbinder – Former 5Live
 Jonathan Clays – Saturday Night Takeaway
 Alan Dediccoat – Voice of the Balls

Peter Dixon – X Factor
 Laura Shavin – Great British Bake Off
 Roger Tilling – University Challenge
 Leonora Haigh - Voiceover Artist
 Darren Street - Voiceover Artist



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Entertainment Bands

Music is a great way of bringing atmosphere to an event, whether it's simple background during a drinks reception or meal, or full on party band at the end of the evening. While most categories we deal in have broad fee ranges, bands and DJs are probably the widest...they can literally run from hundreds to hundreds of thousands, and just about everything in between!



The Champagne Trio & The Brightside Band - are a brilliant Rock n Roll band playing all of the hits from the 60s to the modern day; they can do sets, as well as walk up music for awards. 3 of them also perform as the Champagne Trio, and in fact can also perform as that at events, so do background Jazz during the reception, before full on Rock n Roll later on.



The Earth Lights - are a brilliant high energy band who tailor their performances to your event. For instance, on a recent awards they worked with the production company to provide performances throughout the evening, walk up for the individual awards, plus a party set at the end of the evening that got everyone up and dancing.

- ABC
- Abba Gold
- Marc Almond
- Bananarama
- Beat Banditos
- Bjorn Again
- Bogus Brothers
- Boney M
- Bootleg Beatles
- Brightside Band
- Paloma Faith
- Bucks Fizz
- Counterfeit Stones
- Escala
- Bryan Ferry
- Fully Funktional
- Gareth Gates
- Roland Gift
- Jazz Dynamos
- Jonty Fisher Quartet
- Jools Holland
- Judge Jules
- Heatwave
- Heaven 17
- Limahl
- London Essentials
- Madhen
- Alison Moyet
- Billy Ocean
- Elaine Page
- Party Rockers
- Rick Parfitt, Jnr
- Philosophy
- Paul Potts
- Ray Quinn
- Red Stripe Band

Supporting The Industry



Throughout our history, we've been proud to support the UK events industry. We've all worked in events, so know first hand what a hard, yet exhilarating industry it is, not to mention it's importance to UK GDP.

We were early supporters of the One Industry One Voice initiative, to get the industry the recognition and support it needed to get through two years of COVID uncertainty and lockdowns. That has now evolved into The Power of Events which is developing resources for all of the various trade associations and bodies to have current, verifiable information on the scale of the industry, it's impact on the economy, and also to encourage young talent to join it.

Alongside our continued membership and support of various trade bodies, we're as excited about the industry as we were 30 years ago when starting out.



Euro 2024: 14 Jun – 14 Jul 2024

Paris Olympics: 26 Jul - 11 Aug 2024

Paris Paralympics: 28 Aug - 8 Sep 2024

New Year Speakers Drinks: 14th Jan 2025

Conference Speaker Afternoon Tea: 24th
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