

## SIR DAVID FROST Biography

Sir David Frost has not only won all the major television awards, his professional activities have been so diverse that he has been described as “a one man conglomerate.”

Host and co-creator of *That Was The Week That Was*, producer of countless television programs, author of 17 books, producer of seven films, publisher, lecturer, impresario and the joint founder of two major network companies in the United Kingdom, Sir David Frost is ubiquitous.

Sir David's interview of Richard Nixon was the most widely watched news interview in the history of television. Shown in almost every televised nation in the world, it garnered the largest audience ever achieved for a news interview in the U.S.

Landmark interviews have always been the most prominent feature of Sir David's remarkable career. Among the many world figures that he has interviewed are the six most recent Presidents of the United States and the five most recent Prime Ministers of Britain as well as Prince Charles, the Duke and Duchess of York, and The Princess Royal of the United Kingdom, Robert F. Kennedy, Henry Kissinger, Pierre Trudeau and Brian Mulroney in North America; Mikhail Gorbachev in Russia; Robert Hawke, Malcolm Fraser and Gough Whitlam in Australia; Indira Gandhi and Benazir Bhutto in Asia; King Hussein, Golda Meir, Moshe Dyan, Menachem Begin, Yassir Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin in the Middle East; and President Nelson Mandela and former President F.W. de Klerk.

Outside the field of world affairs, the roster ranges from Orson Welles, Tennessee Williams, Noel Coward and Peter Ustinov to Arthur Rubinstein, Woody Allen, Muhammed Ali and the Beatles.

His many major television awards include two Emmy Awards (for *The David Frost Show*), the Royal Television Society Silver Medal and the Richard Dimbleby Award in the United Kingdom, and internationally, the Golden Rose of Montreux.

In 1988, Sir David undertook a 14-hour syndicated television series, *The Next President With David Frost*, featuring hour-long interviews with all the Presidential candidates.

Most recently, Sir David has garnered yet more attention for his outstanding PBS series, *...Talking with David Frost*, which has attracted monthly news headlines and critical plaudits since its debut in January, 1991.

To date, the guests have included former President and Mrs. George Bush, Andrew Lloyd Weber, General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Prime Minister John Major, Robin Williams, Margaret Thatcher, Ben Bradlee, Ted Turner, Elton John, Norman Mailer, Warren Beatty, Patrick J. Buchanan, Ross Perot, Governor Bill Clinton, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Sir John Gielgud, former Vice President Dan Quayle, Vice President Al Gore, Isaac Stern, Reverend Billy Graham, Clint Eastwood, President F.W. de Klerk, Nelson Mandela, Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, President Carlos Salinas, Salman Rushdie, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, PLO Chairman Yassir Arafat, Garth Brooks and Vladimir Zhirinovsky.

To inaugurate the 1991-93 series of *...Talking with David Frost* Sir David interviewed all of the Vice-Presidential and Presidential candidates. The 90-minute Presidential broadcast was the last interview by any interviewer with all three candidates before election day, and the only single program to feature all three.

Commenting on *...Talking with David Frost*, Rick Kogan of The Chicago Tribune wrote, “Few interviewers have been as consistently well-prepared, bright and engaging as David Frost. His *Talking with David Frost*, is a PBS gem.”

Alan Bunce of the Christian Science Monitor talked of “results that are often more revealing than anything on prime-time news,” and Marvin Kitman of New York Newsday wrote, “He has become an Anglo-American broadcasting phenomenon.”

Sir David’s television production company, David Paradine Television, Inc., has produced many specials including *A Gift of Song: The Music for UNICEF Concert Spitting Imag*” with its satirical puppets, *Peeping Times* with David Letterman, John Cleese’s *How To Irritate People* and the *The Spectacular World of Guinness Records*.

In January, 1993, Sir David’s Sunday news program was launched on the BBC and is widely considered to be the most authoritative weekly news interview.

He is the author of (with co-author Michael Shea) *The Mid-Atlantic Companion* and *The Rich Tide*, an in-depth study of the Americans who have most influenced Britain and the Britons who have most influenced America. In the Fall of 1993, the first volume of Sir David’s memoirs, *David Frost: An Autobiography, Part I-From Congregations to Audiences*, was published and became an immediate bestseller.