Christopher Parker

Biography

Chris has been performing one way or another from a very young age. Starting off as a model appearing in numerous print campaigns and TV commercials he progressed onto appearing in TV dramas such as *The Bill*, *London's Burning* and *Judge John Deed*.

He joined BBC1's long running flagship serial drama *EastEnders* where he went on to win numerous awards for his portrayal of *Spencer Moon* including "*Best New TV Talent*" by the *Television and Radio Industries Club* (TRIC), fighting off stiff competition from the likes of "*Little Britain*" star *David Walliams*. He was involved in some hard-hitting story lines, ranging from teenage pregnancy to drugs to mental illness and according to the *Radio Times* he received more fan mail than any other cast member ever, in the history of the show.

Building on this popularity, Chris took part in the first ever series of *Strictly Come Dancing*. The multi award winning prime-time show saw Chris reach the final, polling thousands of viewer votes each week and raising thousands of pounds for charity. Chris is extremely proud of his involvement in the first ever series of this now internationally popular television format. Chris enjoyed being himself in front of the camera and started to present on TV as well as act.

Since leaving the popular BBC Drama in 2005, Chris has successfully balanced his acting and presenting career. He worked as a *CBBC* continuity presenter gaining essential live experience, going on to present on shows such as *cd:uk*, *MTV News* and on ITV daytime show *This Morning*.

His work has seen him interview everyone from music stars such as the *Pussycat Dolls* and *Girls Aloud*, to British stars such as *Peter Andre*, *Peaches Geldof* and Daniel Craig to International stars such as *Will Ferrell*, *Harrison Ford* and *George Lucas*. Chris is passionate about his interviews, many of them being picked up by the popular press. He has worked on the Hollywood premier circuit for the *Press Association* and regularly appears as a guest columnist on shows such as *The X Factor*, *Big Brother* and *The F Word*.

Chris enjoys writing and has written columns for national newspapers and magazines such as The Daily Star and Now Magazine and has just written and is developing a new TV format called *Culture Shock*.

His work took him to Los Angeles where he anchored a live three-hour show called *Dead Famous Live* and more recently he has joined the growing number of British stars working on American Television by hosting for Fox owned

network; TV Guide Channel, where he has hosted *The Big Movie Show*. Chris has also worked as a development producer for Reelz Channel and as a segment producer for the popular Entertainment show TMZ.

As for his acting work, Chris played *Ezra Fitch* alongside *Christian Slater*, *Nick Moran* and *Eddie Izard* in a live performance of Hollywood movie *The Rogues*. He also appeared in the last series of BBC1 and BBC America drama *Hotel Babylon* where he played footballer *Clive Hocker* alongside *Danny Dyer*.

Chris also enjoys working behind the camera; at *This Morning* writing his own material and segments and currently for BBC News where he reports and hosts E24, the only entertainment show in the UK.

Chris works closely with two children's charities – *Barnardos* and *Childline* and International charity, *The Red Cross*. He has run two London Marathons and traveled to Africa to highlight the issues of poverty in Kenya.

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