

## The Honorary Graduand: Angellica Bell

### **Angellica Bell is to be awarded the Honorary Doctor of Arts.**

Angellica Bell has been a television and radio broadcaster for over two decades and is widely recognised as a leading presenter of adult factual and entertainment programming in the UK.

She grew up in West London and went on to earn a BA Honours degree in Politics.

Angellica began her career at the BBC in early 2000, becoming the face of Children's BBC (CBBC) until the end of 2007. During this time, she was twice shortlisted for the Best Presenter category at the Children's BAFTAs. At CBBC, she became well-known for presenting live continuity links on BBC One and for hosting nostalgic children's shows such as K Club, Short Change, 50/50, That's Genius, and The Saturday Show.

Successfully transitioning to mainstream television, Angellica has since co-presented and reported for The One Show (BBC One), fronted The Chelsea Flower Show (BBC One), hosted consumer series Ill Gotten Gains (BBC One), and presented the BAFTA-nominated financial programme The Martin Lewis Money Show (ITV).

A major highlight of her career was winning Celebrity MasterChef (BBC One) in 2017, which led to her first cookbook aimed at young people: Fantastic Eats and How to Cook Them!, published by Quadrille in 2019.

In April 2025, Angellica appeared on Celebrity Big Brother (ITV1), celebrating 25 years since her CBBC debut while participating as a housemate.

Angellica thrives on challenges. She braved the Arctic for five weeks in 71 Degrees North (ITV), finishing second; sailed around the British Isles on a Volvo 65 yacht for The One Show, raising over £1 million for Sport Relief; and in 2016, cycled and completed L'Étape du Tour (the toughest section of the Tour de France) for Tour de Celeb (Channel 5), despite having only eight weeks to learn to ride a bike.

Her engaging narration style has made her a sought-after voiceover artist and radio presenter. She has narrated Family Finders (BBC One) and various adverts for radio and television. She also hosted Making Tracks (Radio 3), a CBBC programme that introduced classical music to young people.

Angellica helped launch the classical music station Scala Radio, where she hosted weekend shows alongside Simon Mayo. She also covered The Hits Radio Breakfast Show in 2024 for Fleur East and briefly presented The Late-Night Show on Radio 2 in January 2025. Currently, she presents the Saturday Breakfast Show on Magic Radio.

In addition to her radio and TV work, Angellica has fronted two podcasts. Rewirement (with Legal & General) explores the financial realities of retirement and planning for the future. She also presents The NatWest Business Show, interviewing entrepreneurs about their journeys and challenges.

#### Writing & Personal Interests

Angellica is also a published author and columnist. In addition to her cookbook, she has written extensively on family life and well-being. She had a weekly column in the Surrey Comet and contributed to Waitrose Weekend Magazine, focusing on cycling and physical wellness.

She has been renovating a Victorian property in recent years and is passionate about antiques and recycling. Angellica enjoys the gym, cooking, socialising, and exploring the world. She is of St Lucian heritage and loves to sing in local choirs when she can. She achieved her Grade 3 cello exam in 2017.