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## ANTHEA TURNER

Always in the spotlight, Anthea Turner has enjoyed a media career of over twenty years, and in this time has amassed an enviable portfolio of experiences and insight. Anthea now brings her unique, high profile brand to the corporate sector, adding value and impact to any enterprise's event activities.

Anthea's career has taken her from BBC local radio presenting road traffic reports in her native Stoke to become one of the best known faces of broadcasting in the UK, hosting both top ratings entertainment shows and current affairs programmes.

Anthea's move into television was through Sky Channel presenting live music programmes from July 1986 - 1989. Her debut on national television was with the BBC on *But First This* which led to Anthea fronting two series for the BBC on the Saturday morning show *Up2U*. She then spent 3 years as the only non-Radio One DJ to regularly present Britain's most successful TV music show *Top of the Pops*. Her first adult TV show was *Best of Magic* which she co-hosted with Simon Mayo.

In September 1992 Anthea became the 19th presenter of the award winning BBC1 flagship children's programme, *Blue Peter*. During her two years with the programme until 1994 she launched the most successful 'make' in the history of *Blue Peter* with an excess of 100,000 viewers writing in for details on Tracy Island.

In May 1994, Anthea was invited to introduce the Children's Royal Variety Performance for the BBC in the presence of HRH Princess Margaret. Later that year, Anthea was selected by the BBC as one of the three presenters to present the historic live opening of the Channel Tunnel.

In June 1994 Anthea joined the network broadcaster GMTV alongside Eamonn Holmes where she anchored the 7:00am – 9:00am time slot 5 days a week. From 1994 to 1996 Anthea was the inaugural presenter of BBC1's *National Lottery Live* programme, which quickly became the BBC's highest rated entertainment programme.

Anthea has also successfully presented a selection of videos with her *Y Plan Fitness* videos selling in excess of one million units, leading to further successful releases including *Body Basics and Tone, Lift & Condition*. In 1995, she won the award for 'Best Dressed Woman on Television' and signed a 2 year deal with Carlton Television to present a number of major light entertainment shows on network ITV.

In February of '96, Anthea won the prestigious 'Showbusiness Personality of the Year' awarded by The Variety Club of Great Britain and was then voted 'BBC Personality of the Year' by the television industry the following month.





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Anthea presented her last GMTV in December of 1996 and early '97 saw her presenting a highly successful six part series called *Pet Power*; this was followed by a major one-off special entitled *Change Your Life Forever*. Anthea then went on to present the critically acclaimed *Turner Round The World* before hosting a new series of *Wish You Were Here* which she signed to in summer 1997. In addition to these programmes, she managed to find time to front *National Lottery Live's* 3rd Birthday show in the November of that year. March 1998 saw Anthea resume her association once again with the Lottery when she presented *The National Lottery Big Ticket Show* with Patrick Kielty for a 16 week series.

1999 saw Anthea complete her second, and final, series of *Wish You Were Here...? Now & Then*. July 2000 saw Anthea and her sister front a brand new Saturday night show for the BBC called *Your Kids Are In Charge* and October saw the release of her autobiography *Fools Rush In*, published by Little Brown Publishers.

The following year Anthea take part in one of the most-talked about shows of the year when she appeared in *Celebrity Big Brother* along with Jack Dee, Claire Sweeney and Vanessa Feltz. Immediately afterwards Anthea signed a major contract with Carlton to front new programme *Taste Today* with Anthea & Mark, part of a ground-breaking joint venture between Sainsbury and Carlton.

Anthea then returned to morning television fronting an IVF feature called 'Baby Makers' for *This Morning*. In 2006, Anthea returned to the BBC with Anthea Turner: *Perfect Housewife* which became cult viewing and ran for 3 consecutive series. Anthea went on to front a new BBC series, *Help Me Anthea – I'm Infested*. She also published a book to accompany *Perfect Housewives* and a *Perfect Housewives* DVD was released off of series 1 and 2. Anthea additionally has her own column providing helpful tips & advice in the BBC *Good Homes* Magazine and appeared at the BBC *Good Homes* Show at the NEC demonstrating her helpful tips and advice.

A second book, *How to Entertain in Style* was published in the spring of 2008 and the ultimate guide for the holiday season, *The Perfect Christmas* took to print shortly after. Anthea has also contributed regularly on the ITV1 Alan Titchmarsh Show.

In April 2009 Anthea appeared on ITV's *Hell's Kitchen* alongside husband Grant Bovey. The appearance aligned perfectly with Anthea's next culinary conquest as guest judge on Channel 4's *Britain's Best Dish*.

Anthea started off the 2010 by appearing on ITV's *All Star Mr and Mrs*, alongside husband Grant Bovey.

Anthea has filmed *Dinner Party Wars* which is currently on Discovery Real Time. She is currently filming Series 3 this summer.

