

Adil Ray

A Broadcaster, Comedian, Actor and Writer – Creator of Citizen Khan



BIOGRAPHY

Today, Adil Ray OBE is best known as the star and creator of the hit BBC1 sitcom *Citizen Khan*. After five series, the show has become one of Britain's much-loved sitcoms and is now broadcast worldwide including North America, Canada, Australia, India, the Middle East and Africa. In 2016, the show hit the road with a *Citizen Khan Arena tour* playing at Wembley, the O2 and the Genting Arena, Birmingham. Adil also released his first book – *Citizen Khan's Guide to Britain*.

To date, Adil has received five *Royal Television Society Awards* for his work, including Best Comedy Programme and Best Comedy Performance as well as Best TV Character at the *Asian Media Awards*.

In 2017, Adil ventured into drama and stars as a regular lead in Channel 4's groundbreaking RTS nominated drama, *Ackley Bridge* and is due to appear in a forthcoming drama for ITV – *Beecham House*.

As well as acting and writing, television and radio presenting has remained a staple throughout Adil's career. Adil can currently be seen presenting *Good Morning Britain* for ITV. Adil has presented across all the major BBC Radio and TV networks, but is best known for his spell at the BBC Asian Network, winning the award for *Best Radio Show* at the *Asian Music Awards*.

It was during the late night slot on BBC Radio 5Live that Adil exhibited his ability to shift from comedy performer to news broadcaster when breaking stories such as the UK summer riots (2010), phone hacking and the night the UK went to war in Libya. Elsewhere, Adil has hosted a number of sports shows such as *'Radio 4's Test Match Special'*, the legendary football phone in '606' and music shows for BBC Radio 2.

Adil is also a passionate documentary maker. In 2010, Adil presented the acclaimed BBC3 documentary *Exposed: Groomed for Sex*. Adil received praise for the way in which he tackled the controversial issue of young girls being groomed by some Pakistani men, creating a thought provoking and brave documentary and picking up a *Royal Television Society Award* for Best Current Affairs.

Adil's earlier BBC3 outing *"Is It Coz I Is Black?"* exploring political correctness was also RTS nominated. On the BBC2 travelogue *Explore*, Adil visited Argentina and Turkey. Adil also co-hosted the BBC2 arts show *Desi DNA* for five series and presented *Tales from Europe* on BBC4.

Adil has presented BBC1 flagship entertainment shows *'The One Show'* and *'Have I Got News For You'* and has also appeared on *'Who Do You Think You Are'* (tracing his roots to Ugandan royalty) *'Room 101'*, *'Would I Lie To You?'* and *'Pointless'*. Adil would rather not talk about his appearance on *The Crystal Maze for Stand Up To Cancer* celebrity special; Adil currently holds the fastest record for getting locked in a Crystal Maze cell, which is less than 30 seconds.

In 2016, Adil was honoured in the Queens Birthday List awarded *Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire* for services to media and broadcasting.

TELEVISION

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2018 - Present	Good Morning Britain (Guest Presenter)	ITV1	
2019	Richard Osmans House of Games (Guest)	BBC2	
2017 - 2018	Ackley Bridge (Sadiq Nawaz)	The Forge for Channel 4	

2017	Have I Got News For You (Presenter)	Hat Trick for BBC1	
2017	Watch Dog (Contributor)	BBC1	
2017	Who Do You Think You Are? (Presenter)	Wall to Wall for BBC1	
2012 - 2016	Citizen Khan (Actor)	In House BBC for BBC1	
2015 - 2016	The One Show (Presenter)	In House BBC for BBC1	
2016	Insert Name Here (Contributor)	12 Yard Productions for BBC2	
2015	Cricket's Funniest Moments (Contributor)	CPL Productions for Sky	
2015	Tales from around the World (Contributor)	Mosaic Films for CBBC	
2015	This Week (Contributor)	Juniper Television for BBC1	
2015	Room 101 (Contributor)	Hattrick Productions for BBC	
2015	The TV That Made Me (Contributor)	Raise the Roof Productions for BBC1	
2015	Citizen Khan Live for Comic Relief (Actor)	In house BBC for BBC1	
2014	Pointless Celebrities (Contributor)	Endemol for BBC1	
2014	Room 101 (Contributor)	Hattrick Productions for BBC1	
2014	Sunday Morning Live 2014 (Contributor)	In house BBC for BBC1	
2014	Would I Lie To You? (Contributor)	Zeppotron for BBC1	
2010-14	Lorraine (Contributor)	In house ITV	
2013	Matt Lucas Awards (Contributor)	John Stanley Productions for BBC1	
2013	Celebrity Mastermind	In house BBC for BBC1	
2011	Exposed: Grooming for Sex (Presenter)	In house BBC for BBC3	
2010	GMTV (Contributor)	ITVP for ITV	
2010	Talk of the Terrace (Contributor)	ESPN	
2009	Bellamy's People (Various Characters)	In house BBC for BBC2	
2008	Explore (Presenter)	In house BBC	
2006-08	Inside Out (Presenter)	In house BBC	
2006-08	Desi DNA (Presenter)	In house for BBC2	Series 1-5
2007	Mischief: Is It Because I Is Black?	In house for BBC3	
2007	Heaven and Earth (Presenter)	In house for BBC1	
2006	Tales From Europe: Madrid (Presenter)	IWC for BBC4	

ONLINE / DIGITAL

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY
2016	Darling Rafi (Actor)	In House BBC for iplayer

RADIO

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY
2015	BBC Woman's Hour (Contributor)	BBC Radio 4
2014	Radio 4's Christmas Crackers (Contributor)	BBC Radio 4
2014	Character Invasion (Contributor)	BBC Radio 4
2014	Great Lives (Contributor)	BBC Radio 4
2014	Front Row Quiz of the Year (Contributor)	BBC Radio 4
2014	Making the Best of It (Contributor)	BBC Radio 4
2013	Christmas Cover (Presenter)	BBC Radio 5Live
2013	Phil Williams Show (Contributor)	BBC Radio 5Live
2012	Liza Tarbuck Show (Presenter)	BBC Radio 2
2011-12	The Tony Livesey Show (Regular Presenter)	BBC Radio 5 Live
2011	The Real Mr Khan (Presenter)	BBC Radio 4
2011	The Victoria Derbyshire Show (Presenter)	BBC Radio 5 Live
2011	The Private Lives of British Pakistanis (Presenter)	BBC Radio 4
2011	Sparkhill Sound (Writer & Performer)	BBC Radio 4
2011	Cricket World Cup Coverage (Presenter)	BBC for Radio 5 Live
2010	Adil's Heroes of 2010 (Presenter)	Alfi Media for BBC Radio 5 Live
2010	Snapshot Christmas (Presenter)	Alfi Media for BBC Radio 5 Live
2010	Up All Night (Presenter)	BBC Radio 5 Live
2010	Cricket 6duck6 (Presenter)	BBC Radio 5 Live
2010	The Cricket Forum (Presenter)	BBC Radio 5 Live

2010	Test Match Special (Reporter)	BBC Radio 4
2010	Football 606 (Presenter)	BBC Radio 5 Live
2010	The Gaby Logan Show (Contributor)	BBC Radio 5 Live
2010	The Gethin Jones Show (Contributor)	BBC Radio 5 Live
2010	Never Mind The Bhangra (Presenter)	Alfi Media for BBC Radio 4
2009	Towering Ambition (Presenter)	BBC Radio 4
2009	Picturing Britain (Presenter)	In house BBC Radio 4
2009	Breakfast Show (Presenter)	BBC Asian Network
2008-09	Silver Street (Jungli)	BBC Asian Network
2006-08	Drivetime Show (Presenter)	BBC Asian Network
2006	Twenty Minutes (Contributor)	BBC Radio 3
2002	The Adil Ray Show (Presenter)	BBC Asian Network
2001	Century Radio (Presenter)	
1998	Drivetime Show (Presenter)	Galaxy 105
1995	Choice FM (Presenter)	