

KEN DODD OBE

"A comic genius. I doubt that we shall look upon Dodd's like again"

Michael Billington ~ THE GUARDIAN

Ken Dodd became a ventriloquist at the age of eight *"and I've been talking to myself ever since!"* He began in 1955 as **"KEN DODD THE UNPREDICTABLE"** and he has continued to be unpredictable ever since.

Ken is a best-selling recording artist, seven times Royal Command Show performer and the holder of the marathon theatre non-stop joke telling record. Ken has received many awards over the years including the Variety Club of Great Britain's 'Show Business Personality Of The Year'. As a recording artist Ken reached the coveted number 1 spot on "TOP OF THE POPS" with **"TEARS"** ~ one of the best-selling singles of all time. His albums have reached both Gold and Platinum disc status.

The **"KEN DODD LAUGHTER SHOWS"** have been staged all over the world, including America and have helped to make him one of the biggest box-office stars in the history of theatre. His many sell-out seasons including, The London Palladium and Blackpool Opera House have brought him a multitude of diverse and loyal fans. Ken's popularity in the theatre has been reflected on television with his highly rated series **"KEN DODD'S SHOWBIZ"**. His recent **"AUDIENCE WITH KEN DODD"** for LWT was a major success and has now been released on a bestselling video. Ken is also responsible for the creation of **"THE DIDDYMEN "** who became a sensation overnight with their own TV and Cartoon series. As an actor Ken has appeared as Malvolio in Shakespeare's **"TWELFTH NIGHT"** at The Liverpool Playhouse directed by Anthony Tuckey and played Yorrick in Kenneth Branagh's film of **"HAMLET"**.

Ken starred alongside Whoopi Goldberg, Ben Kingsley, Miranda Richardson and Tina Majorino in Hallmark's production of **"ALICE IN WONDERLAND"** directed by Nick Willing. He recently finished work on the Oscar winning **"CANTERBURY TALES"**.

The British Comedy Awards recently presented Ken with their Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his unique contribution to British comedy.

In 1982 Ken was honoured with the O.B.E. by Her Majesty The Queen. *"I propose there be a preservation order invoked immediately on Mr Dodd. He is essentially a man of the theatre, one of the great miracles of our time"*

Jack Tinker ~ DAILY MAIL