



Bound and Gagged Comedy presents

# Gyles Brandreth: Break A Leg!



## UK Tour: 30<sup>th</sup> March– 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019

After a hugely successful **five-star-rated** run at the **Edinburgh Festival Fringe** in 2018, with every show **totally sold out**, **Gyles Brandreth** is taking his hit one-man show, **Break A Leg!**, to venues across the UK this coming spring.

Actor, author, ex-MP, broadcaster, and now acclaimed stand-up comedian, **Break a Leg!** is Gyles Brandreth's riotous celebration of all things theatrical. This is **Brandreth** unleashed on the stars he's known and the theatre stories that have made him laugh – and occasionally cry. Without hesitation or repetition (but just a touch of deviation), **Just A Minute** regular Gyles delivers a dazzling evening of wit, wisdom, high drama, low comedy and hilarious name dropping.

They say that all political careers end in tears, but in the case of **Gyles Brandreth** it seems it's tears of laughter. He's won the **Most Popular Show At The Fringe Award** and a record number of five star reviews, so book now before he sells out!

### ABOUT GYLES BRANDRETH:

A former Oxford Scholar, President of the Oxford Union and MP for the City of Chester, Gyles Brandreth's career has ranged from being a Whip and Lord Commissioner of the Treasury in John Major's government to starring in his own award-winning musical revue in London's West End.

A prolific broadcaster, Gyles has appeared on **QI** (BBC2), **Have I Got News For You** (BBC1), **Room 101** (BBC1), **Just A Minute** (BBC Radio 4), and is a reporter and presenter for **The One Show** (BBC 1), as well as Dictionary Corner's most frequent resident on **Countdown** (Channel 4). On stage he has appeared most recently in **Hamlet** and **The Importance of Being Earnest**. He is the Chancellor of the University of Chester, a columnist for The Oldie and the author of seven Victorian murder mysteries featuring Oscar Wilde as his detective now published in 22 countries around the world. His Sunday Times best-sellers include a biography of The Queen, **Word Play**, **The 7 Secrets of Happiness**, and, most recently, **Have You Eaten Grandma?**

**Break a Leg! A Dictionary of Theatrical Quotations** (Notting Hill Editions), compiled by his wife Michele Brown and introduced by Gyles, is published to coincide with the new show – and there is a 'meet and greet' with Gyles and his wife after every performance on the tour.

Website: [www.gylesbrandreth.net/](http://www.gylesbrandreth.net/) | Twitter: @GylesB1

### What the press have said about Gyles Brandreth's Break A Leg!:

- '*Fantastically funny and fascinating*' ★★★★★ Theatre Weekly
- '*If you see just one show at the Fringe, it should be this one*' ★★★★★ UK Theatre Network
- '*Hilarious... quality nostalgia and laughter*' ★★★★ The Scotsman
- '*Sublime, uplifting comedic storytelling from a master of his craft*' ★★★★ Fringe Review
- '*An entertaining romp through British entertainment history*' ★★★★ Voice Mag
- '*Gyles is a natural raconteur and it is a treat to listen to*' ★★★★ One4Review



## TOUR DATES

- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm** Colchester: Arts Centre  
[www.colchesterartscentre.com](http://www.colchesterartscentre.com) / 01206 500900
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 5pm** Northampton: Royal and Derngate  
[www.royalaldderngate.co.uk](http://www.royalaldderngate.co.uk) / 01604 624811
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm** Chipping Norton: Chipping Norton Theatre  
[www.chippingnortontheatre.com](http://www.chippingnortontheatre.com) / 01608 642350
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 5pm** Gloucester: Guildhall  
[www.gloucesterguildhall.co.uk](http://www.gloucesterguildhall.co.uk) / 01452 503050
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm** Bishop's Stortford: Rhodes Arts Complex  
[www.rhodesartscomplex.co.uk](http://www.rhodesartscomplex.co.uk) / 01279 710 200
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm** Maidenhead: Norden Farm  
[www.norden.farm](http://www.norden.farm) / 01628 788997
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm** Maidenhead: Norden Farm  
[www.norden.farm](http://www.norden.farm) / 01628 788997
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm** Brighton: Komedia  
[www.komedia.co.uk/brighton](http://www.komedia.co.uk/brighton) / 01273 647100
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm** Swindon: Arts Centre  
[www.swindontheatres.co.uk](http://www.swindontheatres.co.uk) / 01793 524 481
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm** Milton Keynes: The Stables  
[www.stables.org](http://www.stables.org) / 01908 280800
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 5pm** Winchester: Theatre Royal  
[www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk](http://www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk) / 01962 840 440
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30pm** Eastleigh: The Point  
[www.thepointeastleigh.co.uk](http://www.thepointeastleigh.co.uk) / 023 8065 2333
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 5pm** Bath: Komedia  
[www.komedia.co.uk/bath](http://www.komedia.co.uk/bath) / 01225 489070
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30pm** Haverhill: Arts Centre  
[www.haverhillartscentre.co.uk](http://www.haverhillartscentre.co.uk) / 01440 714140
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm AND 7:30pm** Bordon: Phoenix Arts Centre  
[www.phoenixarts.co.uk](http://www.phoenixarts.co.uk) / 01420 472664
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30pm** Newbury: Arlington Arts Centre  
[www.arlington-arts.com](http://www.arlington-arts.com) / 01635 244 246
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm** Epsom: Playhouse  
[www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk) / 01372 742555
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 7:30pm** Derby: Guildhall Theatre  
[www.derbylive.co.uk](http://www.derbylive.co.uk) / 01332 255800
- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 5pm** Otley: Courthouse  
[www.otleycourthouse.org.uk](http://www.otleycourthouse.org.uk) / 01943 467466



**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 8pm**  
[www.selbytownhall.co.uk](http://www.selbytownhall.co.uk) / 01757 708449  
Selby: Town Hall

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm**  
[www.redgravetheatre.com](http://www.redgravetheatre.com) / 0117 3157 800  
Bristol: Redgrave Theatre

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 5pm**  
[www.southendtheatres.org.uk](http://www.southendtheatres.org.uk) / 01702 351135  
Southend: Palace Theatre

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm**  
[www.thespring.co.uk](http://www.thespring.co.uk) / 023 9247 2700  
Havant: The Spring

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 5pm**  
[www.thespring.co.uk](http://www.thespring.co.uk) / 023 9247 2700  
Havant: The Spring

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 7pm**  
[www.leicestersquaretheatre.com](http://www.leicestersquaretheatre.com) / 020 7734 2222  
London: Leicester Square Theatre

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 5pm**  
[www.harrowarts.com](http://www.harrowarts.com) / 020 3773 7161  
Harrow: Arts Centre

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm**  
[www.warwickartscentre.co.uk](http://www.warwickartscentre.co.uk) / 024 7652 4524  
Coventry: Warwick Arts Centre

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm**  
[www.oldreptheatre.co.uk](http://www.oldreptheatre.co.uk) / 0121 359 9444  
Birmingham: Old Rep

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 5pm**  
[www.cornerstone-arts.org](http://www.cornerstone-arts.org) / 01235 515144  
Didcot: Cornerstone Arts Centre

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm**  
[www.ashcroft.org.uk](http://www.ashcroft.org.uk) / 01329 223100  
Fareham: Ashcroft Arts Centre

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 5pm**  
[www.forest-arts.co.uk](http://www.forest-arts.co.uk) / 01425 612393  
New Milton: Forest Arts Centre

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm**  
[www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com) / 01308 424 204  
Bridport: Arts Centre

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm**  
[www.broadway-letchworth.com](http://www.broadway-letchworth.com) / 01462 681088  
Letchworth: Broadway

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 5pm**  
[www.theatresevern.co.uk](http://www.theatresevern.co.uk) / 01743 281281  
Shrewsbury: Theatre Severn

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm**  
[www.farnhammaltings.com](http://www.farnhammaltings.com) / 01252 745444  
Farnham: Maltings

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm**  
[www.norwichplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.norwichplayhouse.co.uk) / 01603 598598  
Norwich: Playhouse

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm**  
[www.norwichplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.norwichplayhouse.co.uk) / 01603 598598  
Norwich: Playhouse

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 3pm**  
[www.hertfordtheatre.com](http://www.hertfordtheatre.com) / 01992 531500  
Hertford: Theatre

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