## MARTIN LEWIS



"A true Renaissance Man who seems to have done just about everything in the world of entertainment" - L.A. Weekly

## **HEADLINE BIOGRAPHY**

Martin Lewis is a British-born, US-based, multi-faceted player in the spheres of the arts and entertainment. With a fabled five-decade history working in music, comedy, film, stage, TV, radio & books.

In his polymathic career he has been acclaimed for his work as a producer, publicist, marketing strategist, humorist, writer, journalist, political commentator, radio & TV host/contributor, comedic actor, creator/curator of film festivals, pop-culture historian, talent manager and political/social activist.

Running parallel with these many roles he is also noted by the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, *L.A. Times*, *USA Today* et al as one of the world's foremost **Beatles** scholars. With multiple credits as a producer - a writer - and as marketing strategist on Beatles-related projects.

He has been a cultural alchemist with many of the leading musicians & comedic artists of the last half-century - known for his producing and marketing work with:

- A) Musicians including: Pete Townshend, Sting, Jeff Beck, Eric Clapton, Bob Geldof, Midge Ure, Phil Collins, Donovan, Peter Gabriel, Paul Rodgers, Nils Lofgren, Mick Hucknall, Joe Perry, Seal, Billy Bragg, Pete Seeger, Ozzy Osbourne, Paul McCartney, Julian Lennon, George Michael and many more
- B) Comedic Artists including: Monty Python's John Cleese, Michael Palin, Eric Idle, Graham Chapman, Terry Jones, Terry Gilliam plus Peter Cook, Dudley Moore, Jonathan Miller, Alan Bennett, Eleanor Bron, Billy Connolly, Rowan Atkinson, Peter Ustinov, Barry Humphries/Dame Edna and many more

He co-created (with **Monty Python**'s **John Cleese**) and produced the iconic "Secret Policeman's Ball" series of benefit shows, movies and albums to raise funds and awareness for Amnesty International. Those benefits are credited by many including **Bob Geldof**, **Sting**, **Bono**, **Peter Gabriel**, **Pete Townshend** with indirectly inspiring "Band Aid", "Live Aid" and "Live 8." He was the instigator and producer of the 6-disc DVD box-set of Amnesty's "Human Rights Concerts" (1986-1998) that were directly triggered by his "Secret Policeman's Ball" fund-raisers.

He is currently writing his long-awaited memoirs "Great Exploitations!"

Born and raised in Britain, Lewis moved to the USA in 1982. First to New York City and then in 1988 to Los Angeles – where he still resides.

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