



# Meera Syal CBE

**British Comedian, Playwright and Actress**

*"One of the fifty funniest acts in British comedy"*

Meera Syal CBE is an actress, author and journalist much-loved for her brilliantly funny performances in television programmes such as the iconic and multi award-winning *Goodness Gracious Me* and Emmy Award-winning *The Kumars at No.42* in which she played naughty Granny, Ummi Kumar and was nominated for BAFTA for Best Comedy Performance.

## TOPICS:

- Host
- Entertainment
- Awards

## IN DETAIL:

Meera's acting career includes TV drama roles in *Broadchurch*, *Doctor Who* and *Absolutely Fabulous* and, more recently, in HBO's *The Brink*. Theatre roles include leading roles at The National Theatre, The Old Vic and the Royal Court. She played Beatrice in *Much Ado About Nothing* at the RSC, Stratford, Shirley in Willy Russell's iconic *Shirley Valentine* in the West End (for which she won the What's On Stage Solo Performance award.) But for Meera, one of her proudest moments was tracing her revolutionary family tree in the BBC's *Who Do You Think You Are*. Meera was awarded a CBE for Services to Drama and Literature in 2015. She is also a proud ambassador for Breast Cancer Care and The Alzheimer's Society, and the long-standing patron of Newham Asian Women's project which provides refuges and advice for women and children escaping domestic violence.

## LANGUAGES:

She presents in English.

## PUBLICATIONS:

2015 Life Isn't All Ha Ha Hee Hee  
2015 The House of Hidden Mothers  
2000 Anita and Me

## WHAT SHE OFFERS YOU:

Meera Syal is an instantly recognisable TV personality with vast media experience. Having honed her comedy acting skills on the sketch show *The Real McCoy*, Meera is always well received, and her presentations are well put together and truly entertaining.

## HOW SHE PRESENTS:

Charismatic, quick witted and a delight to work with, Meera Syal is an excellent comedienne who provides memorable and hilarious events.