

Mike Doyle is one of a rare breed of entertainers around today, a true variety artist in every sense of the word, equally at home as a singer, comedian, actor or TV and radio presenter. His long and successful career began in the early 1980's honing his craft through the hardnosed working men's clubs of his native Wales and beyond. The big break came when he was chosen to be a contestant on the revised BBC television series "Bob Says Opportunity Knocks" in 1988. He won his heat and came second in the live final which was watched by over fourteen million viewers and his career was launched. In 1990 he was awarded Best Stage Newcomer at the British Comedy Awards and since then has appeared in three Royal Variety Performance's and as a guest on literally hundreds of television variety programmes, including The Des O'Connor show, Summertime Special, Pebble Mill at One and The Big Breakfast. Summer seasons followed in resorts such as Blackpool, Great Yarmouth, Scarborough and Bournemouth working with artists such as Danny La Rue and Cannon and Ball. Mike has also had starring roles on the West End stage including a critically acclaimed two year stint as The Big Bopper in Buddy at the Victoria Palace, his next role was the Teen Angel and Vince Fontaine in hit musical Grease with Shane Richie and Samantha Janus. Mike is regarded as one of the most popular pantomime performers; he has appeared in twenty-two pantomimes throughout the UK in some of the most beautiful theatres such as Birmingham Hippodrome, Sheffield Lyceum, Cardiff New Theatre and his favourite theatre of all the Swansea Grand. His rich and powerful voice and knockabout comedy is perfectly suited to the genre. He has also presented three of his own comedy television series for the BBC and two specials for HTV. He has toured nationally with his Tribute to Mario Lanza and An Evening with Mike Doyle Shows - his show-stopping rendition of Nessun Dorma received standing ovations everywhere. One of his greatest passions is the sea and headlining on some of the world's finest cruise lines such as P&O Cruises, Royal Caribbean International, Crystal Cruises, Silver Seas, Celebrity Cruises and the Cunard Line. Since his first cruise out of Sydney Australia way back in 1982 he has visited over 110 different locations around the world. Some of the theatres on board ships are bigger than many of the theatres in the UK! In 2007 Mike was approached by Mal Pope and Michael Bogdanov to play the part of the boxer Tommy Farr in the musical Contender which was written by Mal - it was one of the most demanding roles he has ever embarked on - having to train as a boxer for six months on top of learning many new songs and a script was an exhausting process. The results were fantastic with sell out performances all over Wales. Another departure from the normal roles came in 2009 when he played Lucky Eric in the play Bouncers written by John Godber on a short theatre tour of Wales, which was so successful it was reprised again in 2010. This time over twenty-two dates throughout November, including The Cockpit Theatre in London. Mike has just finished a 7 year stint on radio with 102.1 Bay Radio, 97.1 Radio Carmarthenshire, 97.5 Scarlet fm, 106.3 Bridge fm and 103.3 Radio Ceredigion. The year 2011 brings another full calendar of one man shows with a planned 30th Anniversary tour and Cruises. Another of Mike's skills is voice over's and at the moment he is responsible for all the voices for the Trade Centre Wales commercials including the award winning Trevor character. Moving into a new field Mike is delighted to have accepted his first straight acting role in a movie to be filmed during the year. All this and still time to support his charity RNIB and CIB (Cardiff Institute for the Blind) his CD of the beautiful song "What Colour Is The Wind" is still selling well and every penny goes to help blind and partially blind people, you can purchase a copy from this website or download from itunes or Amazon. Mike also has a DVD of his live BBC TV shows coming out this year and will be available in all good record stores and also Tesco, Asda and Amazon. Checkout all of Mikes activities on www.mikedoyle.co.uk