



Joanna's biography

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Star of Absolutely Fabulous, charity campaigner and wildlife enthusiast, Joanna Lumley requires no introduction

Joanna Lumley OBE is a British institution, a captivating event host and a passionate keynote speaker.

Joanna Lumley's background

Joanna Lumley's charismatic style and eccentric flair make her a winning [presenter](#), a captivating [awards host](#) and a fascinating speaker.

For more than four decades, Joanna has held numerous television roles and starred in more than 25 major movies including *The Wolf of Wall Street*, *On Her Majesty's Service*, *Shirley Valentine* and, of course, *Absolutely Fabulous*. She has won three BAFTA awards and a British Comedy Award.

Originally a London model, photographed by Patrick Lichfield and the muse for designer Jean Muir, she rose to become one of the top ten most-booked models of the 1960s.

Early TV appearances included *Coronation Street* and *General Hospital* but it was her role in *The New Avengers* as Purdey that gave Joanna her first breakthrough. Other roles followed including the title role of Sapphire in the hit series *Sapphire & Steel*.

Her reinvention as a [comic actress](#) in her role as the champagne-loving, chain-smoking, bee-hived Patsy Stone in *Absolutely Fabulous* earned her a position as one of the UK's best-loved & most respected actresses.

Moving to her off-screen life, in 2008 Joanna is known for her support of Gurkha veterans, the exiled Tibetan people and the Kondha indigenous people of India. She is also a vegetarian and an active crusader for animal rights. Additionally Joanna has been a supporter of Survival International and the cause of indigenous rights, a patron of Tree Aid and a patron of the Pastoral and Environmental Network in the Horn of Africa.

Joanna's talks

- Gurkhas

- **Activism**
- **Animal rights**

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