

LOYD GROSSMAN

Loyd Grossman was born in Boston in 1950 and graduated from Boston University (BA cum laude), the London School of Economics (M Sc Econ) and Magdalene College, Cambridge (MPhil).

After starting a career in journalism with Harpers & Queen and the Sunday Times he was diverted into television where as a writer, presenter or deviser he has been involved in a wide range of programmes including Through the Keyhole, MasterChef, Behind the Headlines, History of British Sculpture, Loyd on Location and Build Britain, He has also written and presented a series, Composers at Home, for Radio 3.

Loyd's knowledge of and fascination with food led him to create his own brand in 1995, which became Britain's most successful new premium food brand.

His lifelong interest in history, the arts and heritage has involved him in a number of organisations. He is a former Commissioner of the Museums and Galleries Commission, a former Commissioner of English Heritage (where he was Chairman of the Museums Advisory Committee and the Blue Plaques Panel), a former Commissioner of the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England, a founding member of the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council, past Chairman of National Museums Liverpool and of the Public Monuments and Sculpture Association. He started the 24 Hour Museum (now Culture 24) and was its Chairman until 2005.

Loyd is Patron of the Association for Heritage Interpretation, President of the British Association of Friends of Museums and a Fellow of St Deiniol's Library. He was a member of the Court of Governors of the LSE from 1996-2009 and is now an Emeritus Governor of the LSE.

In 2007 he was appointed Chairman of The Churches Conservation Trust, and in 2008 he became Chairman of the UK's newest university, the University for the Creative Arts. Loyd has recently been appointed Chairman of the Heritage Alliance which represents more than 75 non-governmental and voluntary organizations working in the heritage sector.

He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. He was appointed OBE in 2003 and was awarded a Doctor of Letters degree in 2007 by the University of Chester in recognition of his heritage work.

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