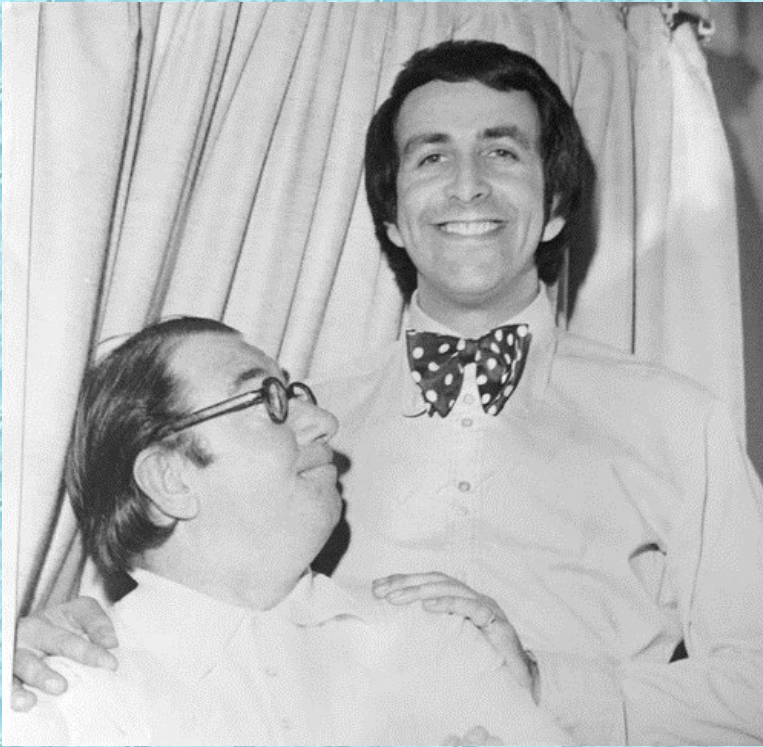


Don MacLean

DON MACLEAN KSS (BORN 11 MARCH 1944) IS AN ENGLISH ACTOR AND COMEDIAN, WHO APPEARED ON THE BBC TELEVISION SERIES CRACKERJACK WITH MICHAEL ASPEL, PETER GLAZE AND JAN HUNT IN THE 1970S.



BORN IN BIRMINGHAM, HE LIVED IN BALSALL HEATH WHERE HE ATTENDED HE ATTENDED CLIFTON ROAD SCHOOL AND ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL (EDGBASTON). HIS FIRST JOB WAS AS A CIVIL SERVANT AT THE INLAND REVENUE.

MACLEAN USUALLY PERFORMED A LIVE ROUTINE OR ROUTINES WITH GLAZE IN FRONT OF A STUDIO AUDIENCE OF CHILDREN AND A FILMED INSERT WITH GLAZE, IN THE STYLE OF A SILENT COMEDY FILM. LIVE ROUTINES WOULD ALMOST ALWAYS WORK IN THE 'JOKE' WHERE AN EXASPERATED GLAZE WOULD EXCLAIM 'MACLEAN!' TO WHICH MACLEAN WOULD ANSWER 'YES, I HAD A BATH THIS MORNING!'. ALSO NOTABLE WAS THAT WHEN RESPONDING TO GLAZE'S EXASPERATION, MACLEAN

WOULD REGULARLY GIVE AN ALLITERATIVE REPLY, SUCH AS "DON'T GET YOUR KNICKERS IN A KNOT" OR "DON'T GET YOUR TIGHTS IN A TWIST", THE COMBINATION OF WHICH ("DON'T GET YOUR KNICKERS IN A TWIST") HAS PASSED INTO POPULAR VERNACULAR.

EARLY IN HIS CAREER, MACLEAN WAS A COMEDY COMPÈRE OF THE BBC TELEVISION SERIES THE BLACK AND WHITE MINSTREL SHOW. HE ALSO APPEARED IN CROSSROADS AND CARRY ON COLUMBUS. A PRACTISING ROMAN CATHOLIC, FROM 1990 MACLEAN PRESENTED BBC RADIO 2'S RELIGIOUS SHOW GOOD MORNING SUNDAY, UNTIL HE WAS REPLACED BY ALED JONES IN 2006.

HE HOSTED THE PANEL GAMES THE CLEVER DICK-ATHLON (1988–90), FIRST LETTER FIRST (1993) AND ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY (1993–96), ALL FOR RADIO 2. HE ALSO TOURED IN THE PLAY THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE A HOME WITH GORDEN KAYE CINEMAS.



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