



SOME REASONS FOR PRESENTING DARBY ON STAGE

Achieves the goal	Michael Darby's first aim is to achieve the goal set for the event. He always succeeds, and he does so with style, panache and fun.
Great compère	For excellence in compèring, choose Darby, who is immensely experienced in the art. He maximises applause for every performer and likes to compose high-quality verse to introduce each speaker or artist. As a compère, Darby is masterful, tactful, humorous and resourceful.
Funny Funny	Scriptwriter for leading comic speechmaker Homer Papantonio who performs excitingly as <i>The Corporate Impostor</i> in four countries, Darby earns acclaim for his own comedy performances. His spontaneous wit is complemented by an actor's sense of timing. Darby's jokes are always appropriate for the audience and Darby is unsurpassed in the art of audience involvement.
Flexible	Darby appears in his own role as a multi-award-winning performance poet, hilarious comedian and world-class facilitator, or can be equally convincing as a fictitious international expert in almost any discipline. Recent successes include Judge of the Superior Court of British Columbia (for the Fiji Law Society), for a Sydney charity, Canadian Equine Chiropractor, and, for World Vision, sinologist.
Performance Poet	A recognised poetry judge, Darby writes and performs Australian bush poetry at the highest standard, and has won many awards. His verse commercials have been played extensively on 2UE (including the station pointer "I'm proud to be a friend of 2UE") and on Channel 10 (NQ). His poetry has been played on many Australian and NZ radio stations. Darby's audiences have included conferences, conventions and seminars, passengers on a dozen airlines, very many community organisations, numerous schools and nursing homes, and even a couple of correctional institutions. He performs ten items on the John Laws CD, "Tribute to the Anzacs", released April 2000. His 1,000-page anthology "Two Hundred Poets of the People", with the accompanying four-CD album, is ready for publication in late 2008.
Takes direction	A professional Shakespearean actor, Darby knows that the Event Director is the boss.
Scriptwriting excellence	Darby writes scripts at a standard acceptable to Australia's three most popular broadcasters. Darby researches rapidly and prepares meticulously, and can deliver, extemporaneously, on almost any subject, a well-reasoned address which strikes a supportive chord with the audience.
Traveller	Darby has visited fifty three countries, performed in many; and learned something in each one.
Linguistically competent	Ex-spy Darby is a Chinese interpreter, capable of pronouncing many languages accurately. He has delivered speeches in eight languages and appeared on TV in half a dozen countries.
Boardroom background	Darby's experience as director of public companies includes three years as Chairman of Longreach Gold Oil Limited and as director of Alexanders Securities Limited.
Commercial experience	Public company chairmanship, wool production, copper prospecting, international trade consulting, computer marketing and internet site design are examples of Darby's diverse commercial experience.
Military-aware	Darby served eight years as an officer in RA Sigs, including four years under RAAF command. He has empathy with all ranks in all Services, and twice travelled to East Timor to entertain Australian service personnel and their allies.
Audience-sensitive	Darby instinctively adapts his performance to maximise the impact on any audience. His capacity to encourage audience participation is unsurpassed. If a presentation merits use of Powerpoint™ or other aids, Darby does it right.

Top-of-the-range public speaker	Darby represented Newington College in First Grade Debating for three years. In 1962 he led the NSW GPS Debating Team to victory over NSW CHS and won all available school public speaking competitions. He led the Whitehall Debaters to victory in the NSW Championship (Flanagan Shield) in 1963 and in 1964 was a member of the NSW Debating Team which won the Australian Debating Federation Championship in Canberra over the Victorian Team comprising Phillip (later Sir Phillip) Lynch, Alan (later Senator) Missen and Molly Anchen.
Camera-friendly	Darby first encountered television as a participant in ABC experimental programs in 1955. He has appeared on countless television programs since, including Hypotheticals, Mike Walsh, Meet the Press, Singleton, 7.30 Report, Countrywide and Hinch plus news bulletins originating in four States and two Territories. He has coached senior politicians in three countries in television presentation, and teaches media confidence techniques to Australian business leaders. For sincerity and effectiveness in a convincing electronic message, use the versatile voice of Michael Darby, with or without his face.
Good company	Darby has shared a stage or microphone with political and media celebrities (some now deceased) including – in alphabetical order – Hon Tony Abbott, David Anderson, Rt Hon Doug Anthony, Lord (Paddy) Ashdown, Sally-Anne Atkinson, Hon Kwadwo Baah-Wiredu, James Bailleau, Colin Barnett, HE Prof Marie Bashir, Eric Baume, Michael Baume AO, Prof Peter Baume, Hon Peter Beattie, Prf David Bellamy, Hon Bronwyn Bishop, Hon Julie Bishop, Lady Florence Bjelke-Petersen, Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, Paul Bongiorno, Neville Bonner, Tim Bowden, John Brogden, Lane Calcutt, Don Cameron, Cav John Caputo OAM, Mike Carlton, Laurie Carmichael, Kerry Chikarovski, Cardinal Clancy, Andrew Clermont, Roger Climpson, Peter Clyne, Mark Collier, Kerry B Collison, Hon Michael Costa, David Crombie, Barry Crocker, Bryce Courtenay, Michael Delaney, Owen Delaney, Quentin Dempster, Kelly Dixon, Casey Donovan, Brian Doyle, Paul Dunn, Mary Easson, Michael Easson, His Honour Ted Egan AM, Hon Laurie Ferguson, Hon Tim Fischer, George Georges, Grant Goldman, Dr Marlene Goldsmith, Pru Goward, John Grover OBE, Ray Hadley, Lang Hancock, Emma Hanna, Datuk Harris bin Mohd Salleh, Andrew Harwood, John Highfield, David Hill, Derryn Hinch, Michael Hodgman, Will Hodgman, José Ramos Horta N.L., Hon John Howard, Tom Hughes QC, Sir Wilfrid Kent-Hughes, H.E. Maj Gen Michael Jeffrey, Jill Joliffe, Alan Jones AO, Barry Jones, Clem Jones, Caroline Jones, Kerry Jones, Bob Katter jnr, Sir John Kerr, John Kerr, Hon Sir James Killen, Michael Kirby J, Prof Arthur Laffer, John Laws CBE, Sally Loane, Rogerio Lobato, Hon Sir Phillip Lynch, Ron Manners, Michael Mansell, David Margan, Chris Masters, Campbell McComas, Rt Hon Sir William McMahon, Nick Minchin, Alan Missen, James Morrison, Rev Dr Gordon Moyes, Rt Hon Sir Robert Muldoon, Bishop David Murray, Hon Brendan Nelson, Rev Fred Nile, Bill O'Chee, Barry O'Farrell, James Packer, Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Homer Papantonio, Maj Gen Sitiveni Rabuka OBE, Gina Rinehart, Sir Clinton Roper, Hon Philip Ruddock, Jane Rutter, Bruce Ruxton OBE, John Singleton, Sir Robert Sparkes, James Spigelman CJ, Peter Sterling, Julie Sutton, Richard Tanner, Tommy Trinder, Terry Willesee, Margaret Throsby, Mike Walsh, Brian White, Prof John Whitehall, Hon Gough Whitlam, Peter Wilenski, Brian Wilshire, Hon Neville Wran, Claudia Wright, Peter Yarrow, Peter Young, Francisco Xavier do Amaral, Stan Zemanek. Darby has danced with Lady Sonia McMahon ad Belinda Green and been kissed by Diana Dors.
Up there with the best	Before 600 guests at the Westin Hotel on 13 Oct 99 at the Bryce Courtenay Inaugural Legends of Advertising Lunch, the performers were James Packer, Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, Bryce Courtenay and Michael Darby. On 22 Nov 2002 Michael Darby compèred for 500 guests in Dalkeith WA the 50 th Anniversary Dinner commemorating Lang Hancock's famous 22 Nov 52 ore discovery flight.
Humanitarian experience	As a principal organiser of significant international humanitarian operations, and an lifelong active participant in a host of community activities, Darby knows how to advise and encourage individuals and institutions. He is a very successful honorary fundraiser for a wide range of organisations.
Crisis manager	Darby never panics, and never looks for someone to blame. Very resourceful, he concentrates on the solution rather than complaining about the problem.
Emergency Help	Darby is the Conference Speaker who can competently stand in for almost any speaker on any subject at any venue, literally at a moment's notice. Emergency? Call Darby.
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