

**SIR NORMAN WISDOM, O.B.E.**

**One of the nice things about showbiz is that there's a little fellow around called NORMAN WISDOM. With a big grin and a lovable personality, and talent by the ton, he is without doubt Britain's best loved entertainer. He has played all over the world and starred on Broadway in musical shows such as WALKING HAPPY, NOT NOW DARLING, and ANDROCLES & THE LION. At home he won a British Film Academy Award for his first film TROUBLE IN STORE, which broke all box office records, he starred in a further 21 films and this year is celebrating 60 years in showbusiness. The sheer magnetism of his name brings joy and excitement wherever he appears.**

**This diminutive Londoner was born in humble circumstances and had a very tough childhood until he joined the army at the age of fourteen and then became a bandsman with the 10th. Royal Hussars. That's when his eventual career was born, not only as a musician but as a really funny comedian.**

**Norman left the army in 1946 then set about becoming a professional entertainer. After a couple of years in the UK helping to establish himself, he then spent a spell in America and returned home after he was offered a role in PARIS TO PICCADILLY, a show which ran for 18 months. During that time he was approached by THE RANK ORGANISATION and signed a seven year film contract. His first Royal Variety Performance was in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and The Duke Of Edinburgh in 1952, and after that he was chosen for another eight Royal Variety Shows. It was here he became a great favorite of the Royal Family and was even a guest in a private Christmas Party for the entire Royal Family held at Windsor Castle. Since then he's also been invited to many Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace, and has since received his Order Of The British Empire and a coveted Knighthood, making him SIR Norman Wisdom, a title of which he is extremely proud.**

**Norman's career has spanned the whole gamut of the entertainment world including radio, films, theatre, ice shows, circus, television, pantomime & video and is famous for his charitable work raising thousands of pounds for numerous well deserving charities. He is a member of the famous Grand Order Of Water Rats, has close links with the Entertainment Artistes Benevolent Fund & Brinsworth House and has worked with great gusto for organisations such as The Not Forgotten Society, Elder Abuse, Children's Wish, The British Heart Foundation, The Heritage Foundation, to mention but a few. He is also patron of many other fundraising bodies and is President of Manx Mencap on The Isle Of Man.**

**Norman's earlier TV appearances included THE NORMAN WISDOM SHOW, WIT & WISDOM, THIS IS YOUR LIFE and the very memorable SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE LONDON PALLADIUM when he co-starred with BRUCE FORSYTH for the whole evening's entertainment, which included the now legendary Wallpaper sketch. He also starred in NOBODY'S NORMAN WISDOM followed by three series of A LITTLE BIT OF WISDOM. More recently he has been seen again on the small screen in shows such as BERGERAC, AROUND WITH ALLIS, DALZIEL & PASCOE, THE LAST**

**DETECTIVE, BETWEEN THE SHEETS, CASUALTY, ROBBIE WILLIAMS SECRETS, ESTHER, LONDON TONIGHT, DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT, LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE and the ever popular CORONATION STREET.**

**Another highlight of his long career was the very serious role of a cancer patient in the BBC production of GOING GENTLY.**

**With numerous theatre tours behind him, plus two great on stage videos entitled**

**TROUBLE ON TOUR and THE LEGENDARY NORMAN WISDOM, and numerous summer seasons, A Lifetime Achievement Award for stage comedy, and several television commercials, plus albums of his own self-penned songs (music & lyrics by Sir Norman), it's no wonder that the British public, as well as the residents of Albania, Chernobyl, Russia & South America all love him as one of their own.**

**Always set to receive a standing ovation, Norman is still....even at the age of 91....still in great demand for personal appearances, cruise engagements, television commercials and serious and comedy roles in film and on television.**

**A legend in his own lifetime.....there's only one.....NORMAN WISDOM.....A Knight to remember!**