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## JOHNNY BRIGGS

Johnny Briggs was born in Battersea, South London. As a child he auditioned for and won a scholarship to the Italia Conti Stage Academy alongside famous names such as Nannette Newman, Millicent Martin and Anthony Newley.

His professional debut was at the age of 12 when he played the boy soprano in the *Italian Opera Company* in London. The following year, saw Johnny in the film *Quartet* in which he appeared alongside George Cole. Four years later he played Skinny in the first X rated movie, *Cosh Boy* in which his co-star was Joan Collins and the following year he performed on stage in *Sauce Tartar* with Audrey Hepburn. Other stage work includes *La Boheme*, *Tosca* and *Rigoletto*. He then became a stage hand at The Windmill Theatre but soon became a spotlight operator.

He returned to the theatre at The High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire's repertory company. Other stage work includes the plays *Dial M For Murder*, *Boeing Boeing*, *Wait Until Dark*, *Doctor In The House*, *The Kitchen* and *Parcel Post*.

He made his television debut alongside John Thaw and Judy Cornwell in the Granada Television drama *The Younger Generation*. More films followed including *Sink The Bismark* and *No Honestly* and television roles in *Z Cars*, *The Persuaders*, *No Honestly*, *Thick As Thieves*, *Love Thy Neighbour*, *My Wife Next Door*, *The Avengers*, *Private Eye*, *The Saint*, *Dangerman* and *The Planemakers*. His big television break came when he began two years playing Detective Sergeant Russell in *No Hiding Place*. He appeared in *Crimes of Passion* and played a lorry driver in *Coronation Street*, he also appeared as taxi boss Clifford Leyton in *Crossroads*.

In a highly successful film career Johnny has worked with many of the top actors of the world. He appeared in *Dr In Love*, alongside Leslie Phillips, played Leslie Smith in *Light Up The Sky*, alongside Tommy Steele, Benny Hill and Dick Emery and as Nolan in *The Bulldog Breed* alongside Norman Wisdom. He played Dai in *The Wild and The Willing* and appeared alongside Dirk Bogarde as Whatley in *HSM Defiant*. The following year saw Johnny as a teddy boy in *A Stick In Time*, which also starred Ian McShane and as the boyfriend in *The Leather Boys*, alongside Denholm Elliott. He played Lt. Jones in *Squadron 633* and as Pablo in *The Devil Ship Pirates*. The following year saw Johnny performed alongside Morecambe and Wise in the film *The Intelligence Man*. He appeared in the films *The Last Escape* and *Perfect Friday* working with Ursula Andress. He was in the film version of the television show *Bless This House* with Sid James and Diana Coupland, appeared in *The Best Pair of Legs In The Business* and played Malcolm in *Au Pair Girls*, which also starred Gabrielle Drake. He also appeared in the films *Love Thy Neighbour* and *Man About The House* with actors Youtha Joyce, Brian Murphy, Richard O'Sullivan, Paula Wilcox, Sally Thomsett, Rodolph Walker and Jack Smethurst. He played Loman in the film *Secrets of A Door To Door Salesman* and has performed in three *Carry On* films; *England, Behind* and *Up The Khyber* alongside actors Kenneth Williams, Joan Simms, Kenneth Connor, Windsor Davies, Sherrie Hewson, Sid James and Roy Castle.

Johnny made his *Coronation Street* debut as Mike Baldwin on 11 October 1976 and spent 30 years with the show until his departure in 2006. Johnny recently guest starred in an episode of *Miss Marple* and in two Episodes of *Holby City* for the BBC. He has just completed filming his role of 'Fin Morgan' in *ECHO BEACH* for Kudos/ITV.