

Don Warrington



Don Warrington is a Trinidadian-born British actor, and was appointed a Member of the British Empire (MBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours of 2008 for his services to drama.

He was born in Trinidad but as a young child migrated to England with his mother, where he was raised in Newcastle upon Tyne, England from the age five. His father, Basil Kydd, was a Trinidadian politician who died in 1958. Warrington graduated from the Drama Centre London and has performed with the National Theatre, the Royal Shakespeare Company, Bristol Old Vic.

Warrington has been acting on screen and stage for many decades. He is regularly seen and heard on TV, radio and stage. He is one of the UK's leading contemporary and classic actors. His recognisable and affable persona led to him also being cast in a TV advertisement for Kenco Coffee and he regularly provides voice-overs for both BBC TV and radio.

On screen, he is chiefly known for playing Philip Smith in *Rising Damp*, alongside Leonard Rossiter and Richard Beckinsale. Some of his television credits include *C.A.T.S. Eyes*, *New Street Law*, *The Crouches*, *Death in Paradise*, *Trial and Retribution*, *Manchild*, *Holby City*, *Casualty* and *Doctor Who*. Warrington also has several film credits to his name including *Hamlet*, *Black XXX-Mas*, *Land of the Blind*, *Babymother*, *Tube Tales*, *Eight and a Half Women*, and *It's a Wonderful Afterlife*.

In 2016, Warrington plays King Lear in Talawa Theatre Company's production of William Shakespeare's play. Warrington won universal acclaim for his performance as King Lear, with critics describing it as a "heartbreaking tour-de-force", *The Stage* wrote that "Warrington seizes and owns it with magnetic, majestic power".