

# NICK GRIMSHAW



Nick Grimshaw has worked in the UK broadcast industry for over 15 years and is firmly established as one of the country's most successful radio and TV personalities. He currently hosts BBC Radio 1's Drive Time show, and in 2019 joined the cast of Channel 4's Celebrity Gogglebox with his niece Liv.

Born in Oldham in 1984 Nick took his first steps into broadcasting on student radio while studying Communications & Business Studies at the University of Liverpool. During holidays he interned at a music PR agency, and on graduation threw himself into the music industry as a radio plugger and DJ promoter.

In 2006 Nick was spotted by Channel 4 and was signed up as a presenter for E4 Music and the channel's morning show, Freshly Squeezed. With his easy charm, pop culture knowledge and confidence in front of the camera Nick quickly established himself as one of the UK's hottest young talents.

Having cut his teeth in national TV, Nick was next signed up by BBC2 where he co-hosted three series of their youth music show Sound, alongside Radio 1's Annie Mac. The pair's chemistry proved a winner and Nick soon joined Annie on Radio 1 hosting the Sunday evening Switch youth strand, which became a huge hit with listeners. This led to Nick being given his first solo BBC Radio 1 show in 2008 as host of the Weekend Breakfast Show, before moving on to present the prestigious weekday 10pm to midnight New Music slot the following year.

In 2012 Nick took over the reins of BBC Radio 1's flagship Breakfast Show, which he presented for six years. In summer 2018, Nick moved to the more sociable broadcast hours of Radio 1's Drive Time show, where he now presents Mondays to Thursdays from 4 to 7pm.

Alongside radio, Nick has presented numerous TV shows, live events and award ceremonies including The Mercury Music Prize for BBC2; T4, Style The Nation, The Album Chart Show and NME Awards coverage for Channel 4. He has also co-hosted Children In Need and The One Show for BBC1 and was the presenter of the Radio 1 Teen Awards for nine years. Nick fronted his own comedy panel show, Sweat The Small Stuff, which ran for four series on BBC Three. He was a judge on the 2015 series of ITV's The X Factor alongside Simon Cowell, Cheryl Cole and Rita Ora.

Nick has also worked with major brands including Tommy Hilfiger, Coca Cola and L'Occitane. He designed his own capsule range for Topman in 2015 and was part of Kurt Geiger's 2019 advertising campaign. He is regularly called on to DJ at clubs, live event and launches.

Away from work, Nick's passion is contemporary art and design. Whilst still presenting the Radio 1 Breakfast Show he interned for an international music set designer and completed a course at Central St Martins. In 2017 he designed a Christmas Tree for the Royal Academy of Arts, where he is also an ambassador.

In 2020, Nick completed a gruelling 100-mile trek across the Namibian desert for BBC Sport Relief to raise awareness and funds for mental health charities.



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