

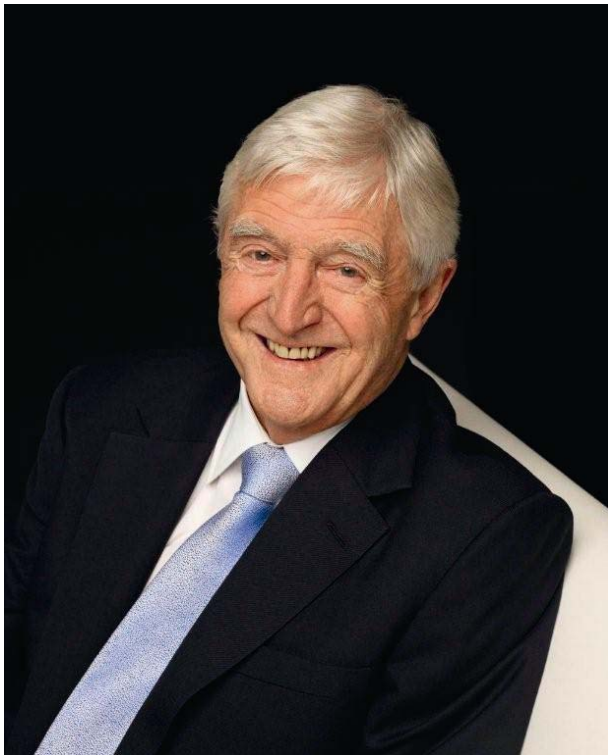


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## Sir Michael Parkinson in conversation at BFI Southbank.

**BFI Southbank** is delighted to welcome Sir. **Michael Parkinson** to the **BFI** stage to celebrate the release of his new book, **Parky's People** and, alongside the evening's host, **Francine Stock**, look back at some of his favourite, and least favourite, moments from **Parkinson** since its launch in 1971.



Throughout fifty years of broadcasting, Michael Parkinson interviewed nearly 2,000 of the world's most famous names, making **Parkinson** one of the nation's favourite TV programmes of all time. In **Parky's People**, Sir Michael reflects on 100 of the greatest interviews of his career and will look back at some of these moments that made TV history whilst in conversation at the **BFI Southbank**.

**Parky's People** provides an intimate insight into the private lives and personal characters of great celebrities from around the world, from Tony Blair to Henry Kissinger, John Betjeman and WH Auden, to Madonna and Elton John. Remarkable interviews with Edith Evans and Ben Travers demonstrate that Parkinson's empathy with the old is as evident as his easy familiarity with sportsmen like George Best, Muhammed Ali and David Beckham, while great comics such as Billy Connolly, Joan Rivers and Morecambe and Wise prove as funny on the page as on screen.

The evening will see Parkinson, in conversation with **Francine Stock**, reflect on some of the guests he met as Britain's pre-eminent talk-show host, and will feature the screening of a selection of the most memorable interviewees.

Following the event Michael will be signing copies of both his new book **Parky's People** and BBC DVD: **The Michael Parkinson Collection**.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**Michael Parkinson in conversation** takes place at **BFI Southbank** on **11 October** at **18:30**

**About Parky's People**

**Parky's People** by Sir Michael Parkinson is published on **14th October** by **Hodder & Stoughton**, RRP £20.

### **About The Michael Parkinson Collection**

**The Michael Parkinson Collection** is released on **22nd November** by **BBC DVD. RRP £24.99**

**Booking information** The BFI Southbank is open to all. BFI members are entitled to a discount on all tickets. BFI Southbank Box Office tel: 020 7928 3232. Unless otherwise stated tickets are £9.00, concessions £6.65 Members pay £1.40 less on any ticket. Website [www.bfi.org.uk/southbank](http://www.bfi.org.uk/southbank)

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### **The benugo bar & kitchen**

Eat, drink and be merry in panoramic daylight. benugo's décor is contemporary, brightly lit and playful with a lounge space, bar and dining area. The place to network, hang out, unpack a film, savour the best of Modern British or sip on a cocktail.

### **About the BFI**

The BFI is the nation's cultural organisation for film, keeping the breadth of voices in moving image culture alive and known. Through its venues, festivals, film releases and online, the BFI inspires people to understand and enjoy film culture, ensuring that everyone in the UK can see the broadest range and choice of films, otherwise not provided by commercial cinema. The BFI reaches an audience of over 7.5 million in the UK every year.

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