

HENRY LENNY*Actor, scenario writer and producer*

United Kingdom



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Lenny HENRY was born in 1958 in Dudley (England) to Jamaican parents. For his first steps on television, it was with an imitation of Stevie Wonder that he won the New Faces Talent Contest in 1975. His career is a hymn to joy, crowned by the award of excellence in 2003. From Shakespeare to stand-up shows, through Harry Potter, no register resists him. The comedian is one of the first representatives of the black community to appear on the small and large screens in Britain. Moreover, he does not intend to be the only one. Beyond making people laugh and smile, he is a fervent advocate for better representation of minorities in the British media. He supports as much as possible the black, Asian and other minorities in the entertainment industry, including television, cinema, advertising and other media (Black Asian Minority Ethnic - BAME). He is at the genesis of the charity organization Comic Relief whose culminating event is the biennial telethon Red Nose Day. All funds raised are exclusively spent on charity projects. Operating costs are covered by the sponsors. For services rendered, Henry received the Knight's insignia of the Order of Arts and Letters in 2015. In July 2016, Henry became the Chancellor of Birmingham City University to help inspire young people particularly in the West Midlands to get into learning. In 2016, Henry was made a fellow of the Royal Television Society. Henry was awarded the BAFTA Television Special Award in 2016. On 20 July 2016, Henry was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Nottingham Trent University in recognition of his significant contribution to British comedy and drama, along with his achievements in international charity work. ♦

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2004 - He plays in Harry Potter and the Prisoner Azkaban

1999 - He is appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire



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Le comédien est l'un des premiers représentants de la communauté noire à apparaître sur le petit et grand écran britannique. Et il n'a aucunement l'intention d'être le seul. Au-delà de faire rire et sourire, il est un fervent militant d'une meilleure représentativité des minorités dans les médias britanniques. Il soutient autant que possible la cause noire, asiatique et les autres minorités dans l'industrie du spectacle, notamment télévision, cinéma, publicité et autres médias (Black Asian Minority Ethnic - BAME).

Il est à la genèse de l'organisation charitable Comic Relief dont l'événement culminant est le téléthon biennal Red Nose Day. Tous les fonds récoltés sont exclusivement dépensés pour des projets de charité. Les coûts de fonctionnement étant couverts par les sponsors. Pour services rendus, Henry a reçu les insignes de Chevalier de l'ordre des arts et des lettres en 2015. ♦