

LOYD GROSSMAN

Loyd Grossman is Chairman of The Royal Parks. Born in Boston in 1950, he graduated from Boston University (BA), the London School of Economics (MSc Econ) and Magdalene College, Cambridge (PhD, MPhil).

After starting a full time career in journalism with Harpers & Queen and the Sunday Times he was diverted into television where as a writer, presenter or deviser he was involved in a wide range of programmes including Through the Keyhole and MasterChef.

Loyd's knowledge of and fascination with food led him to create his own brand in 1995, which became Britain's most successful new premium food brand.

His lifelong interest in history, the arts and heritage has involved him in a number of organisations. He has been a Commissioner of the Museums and Galleries Commission, of English Heritage and of the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England. He is a past member of the board of the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions and of the Council of the British School at Rome. He was Chairman of National Museums Liverpool and founder and Chairman of the 24 Hour Museum (now Culture 24).

Loyd is President of The Arts Society and was Chairman of the Heritage Alliance, Chairman of the Churches Conservation Trust, Chairman of the University for the Creative Arts, Deputy Chairman of The Royal Drawing School and a member of the Court of Governors of the LSE. He is a Trustee of The Warburg Charitable Trust, a Governor of Compton Verney and Patron of Heritage Open Days.

He is Deputy Master of the Worshipful Company of Arts Scholars, an Honorary Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Glaziers, a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Carpenters, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He was appointed CBE in recognition of his services to Heritage. Loyd is a keen guitarist and he and his band – The New Forbidden – will make their eighth appearance at Glastonbury in June 2019!