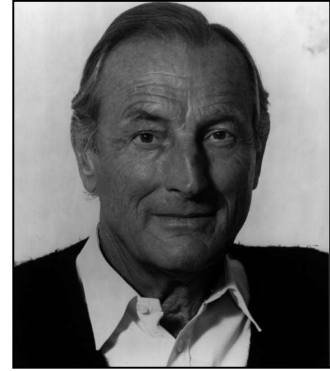


GERALD HARPER

Biographical Details

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Gerald Harper's career started at the Arts Theatre in London in a season of all Bernard Shaw's one act plays.

After a year in repertory at Liverpool, he returned to the Arts Theatre to appear in Strindberg's *'The Father'*, and then moved to Shaftesbury Avenue in a famous revival of *'Charley's Aunt'*.

Other West End appearances include Terence Rattigan's *'Ross'* which ran for two years at the Haymarket, *'Suddenly At Home'* at the Fortune, *'Baggage'* at the Vaudeville and *'The Little Hut'* at the Duke Of York's. His classical work includes two years with the Old Vic Company during which he toured America from coast to coast with productions of *'Hamlet'*, *'Twelfth Night'* and *'Henry V'*, followed by *'Iago'* at the Bristol Old Vic and *'Benedick'* at the Chichester Festival Theatre.

He returned to Broadway to star with Ian Carmichael in *'Boeing Boeing'*.

In the 80's he has played Sherlock Holmes at the Haymarket Theatre. He had a long run at the Savoy in *'House Guest'* and appeared in *'A Personal Affair'* at the Globe.

He is probably best known for his television work in such long running series as *'Adam Adamant'* and *'Hadleigh'*. In the latter role he was twice voted the most popular actor on television.

He has appeared in many films including *'The Admirable Crichton'*, *'Tunes Of Glory'*, *'The League Of Gentlemen'*, *'Shoes Of The Fisherman'* and *'The Lady Vanishes'*.

He has directed many plays, among them a production of *'Blithe Spirit'* in Hebrew at the Israeli National Theatre in Tel Aviv.

He has appeared in four musicals *'Free As Air'*, *'Bless The Bride'*, *'Me & My Girl'* and the *'Corsican Brothers'* Gerald also appeared in *'Murder By Misadventure'* at the Vaudeville, *'The Royal Baccarat Scandal'* again at the Haymarket, *'Mrs Warren's Profession'* at the Royal Exchange Manchester and the UK Tours of *'The Chalk Garden'* and *'The Glass Menagerie.'* For the BBC he appeared in *'Other Animals'* and *'Mr Charity.'*

Most recently he appeared in *'London Assurance'* at the Royal Exchange, Manchester and *'The Countess'* at the Criterion Theatre, and also in *Romeo and Juliet* at Birmingham Rep and UK Tour.