

GARY K. GLADING
INTERNATIONAL ENTERTAINER

Curriculum Vitae

October 2020 to present : Freelance Entertainment Consultant for cruise lines and land-based enterprises, multi-lingual presentations, preparation of third book for publication, and translation of comedy plays in various languages for production.

February 2015 to October 2020 : Head of Entertainment and Guest Experience for MSC Cruises, Geneva, Switzerland.

November 2013 to January 2015 : Multi-lingual presenter for international events and completing writing my 3rd book for publication in early 2015.

March 2013 : My book "Always Rooms for One More : an Animal Sanctuary's Happiest Tales" was published with a foreword by Sire Patrick Moore. My reading of 6 chapters was broadcast by the BBC.

May 2010 to November 2013 : Cruise Director and performer for Norwegian Cruise Line

March 2010 : My book "Stars, Staterooms & Stowaways : anecdotes from a colourful career in cruising" was published and won the People's Book Prize for non-fiction in April 2010

May 2007 to April 2010 : Cruise Director and artiste (singer and concert pianist) for P&O Cruises

January 2006 to May 2007 : Translating from English into French and Italian my book and 3 comedy plays. Also developing and supplying entertainment packages for private clients

1998 to December 2005 : Director of Entertainment for Costa Cruise Line based in Genoa, Italy (responsible for writing and producing production shows for 11 international cruise ships as well as for auditioning, hiring and training every 6 months 770 artistes, technicians, cruise staff, musicians, hosts, etc.) Translation and English-language dubbing for on-board informative videos. NB: awarded Costa's top prize for excellence in 1999 for saving over 2 million dollars while augmenting customer satisfaction. Launched 4 new ships, followed 2 rebuilds and developed special German, French and South American entertainment packages

Pre-1998 : Cruise Director (organiser and multi-lingual presenter for all shows and activities), Singer/Dancer and Concert Pianist for a number of cruise lines (Silversea, Costa, Cunard, Astor Cruise Lines, Paquet, etc.) Entertainment and excursions consultant for "V. Ships", Monaco (1993-1994)

Regular performances on French, Italian and Canadian television. 1990 : Invited by Pope John-Paul II to study at the Vatican's Secret Archives in order to write the manuscript "A Castle in Eden": the fascinating story of Monseigneur Le Nordez and the separation of Church and State in France. Attributed an honorary title by the Vatican for this work. Presenter and star singer on Greek television. Won 1st prize for best new composer of 1985

Star of the Paris Lido show for 3 years and star of "Paris Lido on Tour"

Various television shows for French and American TV (with Shirley Mac Laine, Tom Jones, Sacha Diestel). Starred in a soap opera ("Les 400 Coups de Virginie") and won TF1's talent contest "Découvertes TF1"

Principal singer/dancer at the Lido Show, Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas

Rotary scholar at Le Conservatoire de Musique, Lausanne, Switzerland. Attained Master's Level. Singer in Michel Corboz's vocal octet that performed and recorded with the Suisse Romande Orchestra

Undergraduate studies in Music and French at West Virginia University, U.S.A. Studied voice under Metropolitan opera star Frances Yeend

LANGUAGES : (Spoken, Written and Understood) Mother-tongue level : English, French, Italian Very Good : German, Spanish. Basic : Portuguese, Greek and Dutch

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