

Felix Dennis: Millionaire Poet

Wednesday 10th October at 9 p.m. on Sky Arts 1 and Sky Go

A brilliant new film by Initial, an Endemol Company, will feature the astonishing story of how Felix Dennis, one of the richest self-made entrepreneurs in England, became a poetry phenomenon.

Felix Dennis: Millionaire Poet premieres at 9 p.m. Wednesday 10th October on Sky Arts 1 and Sky Go.

Dennis's poetry has been praised by critics and readers alike. His books of verse have collectively sold tens of thousands of copies, and his poems have been anthologised and widely broadcasted and published on the web and in the media. His poetry has also been selected by organisations as diverse as the MCC, the National Trust, Amnesty International, the Royal Parks, the BBC, the Royal Marines, the Tree Council and the RNIB.

The Royal Shakespeare Company has performed his work live on stage on both sides of the Atlantic.

American author **Tom Wolfe** has called Dennis 'irresistible and superb...the best new poet of the 21st-Century.'

British poetry superstar **Benjamin Zephaniah** says: 'I love his poetry - there is something for everybody. With moments of real genius, some of his poems will last for as long as poetry is read.'

Stephen Fry says simply: 'Felix Dennis is the real thing— a genuine poet. I love reading his verse and you will, too.'

Directed by Andy Robbins and shot with a small crew over several months, this new film also incorporates specially commissioned music and animation as well as vintage footage from previous UK and US poetry tours with Dennis thrilling, mesmerising and terrifying audiences from San Francisco to Glasgow, Los Angeles to London, Dublin to Detroit.

It ends with a moving interview conducted by veteran broadcaster **Jon Snow** during which Snow presses Dennis to speak openly following the devastating news that Dennis has been diagnosed with life-threatening throat cancer during the making of the film.

'Funny, entertaining, tragic and, ultimately, life-affirming, **Felix Dennis: Millionaire Poet** is a remarkable portrayal of an extraordinary life,' comments James Hunt, Channel Director of Sky Arts.

For more details go to felixdennis.com or skyarts.sky.com