KRISTIANE BACKER

TV Presenter, Journalist, Author

Art Consultant, TV and Event presenter

Date of birth	13.12.1965
Place of birth	Hamburg, Germany
Residence	London, UK

Language skills

Bilingual English-German,
Conversational: French, Italian
Basic: Arabic

Profile

Kristiane Backer has been active in the field of Arts, Culture and Music since she began her professional life in Germany and now works as a Fine Art consultant based in London. Her focus is on Modern and Impressionist paintings as well as Post War and some Contemporary Art. Kristiane enjoys discovering talents and help giving them a platform. She takes a personal interest in Islamic and Eastern art and has curated a major Art exhibition by the Egyptian Calligraphy Artist, Ahmed Moustafa, in
Sarajevo.
Kristiane has an excellent network of contacts world-wide.
Kristiane is engaged in several cultural projects, as well as inter- cultural dialogue.

She is active in fund raising for charities and hosts galas, conferences and corporate events internationally….

In 2012 Kristiane published her best- selling memoir 'From MTV to Mecca' in the UK. She gave extensive book talks in the UK and abroad. The original book was published in German; Dutch, Arabic, Indonesian, Malaysian and Urdu editions are available as well.
Her background is a pan- European career in TV and public speaking.
During her education as a Radio Journalist at Radio Hamburg her first Celebrity Interview was with Pop Artist Keith Haring.

At the age of 24 Kristiane became one of the leading presenters on MTV Europe. She interviewed most major artists and musicians of her time for over seven years. She created her own youth show in Germany and later presented a daily guide to culture and entertainment, 'The Ticket NBC' on NBC Europe. She went on to present a monthly travel show for Travel Channel in Germany, and an interfaith show for Ebru TV.
Kristiane won several awards for her TV work, including the prestigious Golden Camera.
For more information please see her websites www.kristianebacker.com
and www.barakaconsultants.com

Professional achievements

2018	Kristiane chaired the Telegraph conference on Institutional Sexual Harassment – Are Institutions Silent Witnesses? #metoo campaign. She also spoke at London Central Mosque to inspire the youth
2017	At the German Embassy Kristiane moderated 'In Conversation' The British Abstract Artist Frances Blane together with Syrian artist Darin Ahmad, hosted by the Ambassador. She also interviewed Artist Kimberley Gundle at the German Embassy.
2017	Kristiane presented her book at the German Embassy to a group of Ambassador's wives hosted by Mrs Ammon
2017	Eton College- Kristiane spoke to students at Eaton College, Followed by a lengthy Q n A.
2016	Kristiane spoke at the International Donours Forum in Istanbul on behalf of the Media Production Company SoundVision US and presented her book at several functions throughout the UK.
2016	In April Kristiane co- hosted the opening of the Diyanet Centre of America in presence of President Recep Tayyib Erdogan which was broadcast live on Turkish and international TV
2015	With the charity organisation Muslim Hands Kristiane went to Pakistan to support their Honouring our Mothers project. She visited hospitals and other projects in Lahore and Karachi then participated in fund raising events back in the UK Kristiane hosted numerous charity fundraising events and spoke to different Muslim communities especially throughout Ramadan.

In June Kristiane spoke at the international law firm ‘Herbert Smith Freehills’ Diversity Event

In May Kristiane was the keynote speaker in Chicago at the Sound Vision Conference.

In April Kristiane chaired a number of sessions at the Prestel and Partner Family Office Forum in Wiesbaden. She performed at the Southbank as part of the Immigrant Diaries- Changing Britain Shows. She also chaired the LISA Islam on Trial – Islamophobia conference in London where she was also one of the keynote speakers.

2014

Kristiane visited Pakistan’s Rahim Yar Khan and it’s surrounding areas with the charity Save an Orphan. She helped distributing food, spoke to various communities and back in London participated in TV fundraising throughout Ramadan.

In March Kristiane spoke at the House of Commons in London in front of various MPs and community leaders on ‘British values and Islam’. In February she was part of a panel at SOAS discussing ‘Pakistan beyond the Headlines and Homeland’. KB was the key note speaker at Sound Vision fundraising events in Chicago, Dallas, Houston and Dayton speaking about the qualities of Mercy and Compassion exhibited by Prophet Muhammad when attacked. She is also developing TV programs with different stations.

2013

In December 2014 Kristiane spoke in front of 9000 people at MAS in Chicago about her journey to Islam. She has spoken in several US cities as part of the Sound Vision fundraising tour. In October Kristiane spoke at the House of Lords in London about the plight of the IDPs in Pakistan, she moderated the Family Office Forum at the

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Dorchester Hotel and hosted the latest Sami Yusuf album launch with a q n a session in London in September.
She also presented her book in Pakistan at the Iqbal e Dagestan in Lahore as well as LUMS University and others across Pakistan. In

February, she was the honorary speaker at North Eastern University, Boston and in January she toured Asia, speaking to sell out audiences in Borneo, Singapore and at the University of Hong Kong where she was one of the speakers at a conference exploring Religion and Power.

2011 Kristiane presented her book at several UK Universities - Cambridge, Oxford, SOAS, Liverpool and Portsmouth and gave key note speeches at several interfaith events throughout the country. She chaired the Cambridge University launch of the 'Narratives of Conversion to Islam' Report in London and hosted several Mawlid events and Graduation Ceremonies.

2010 Kristiane's book From *MTV to Mecca* was published in English in September. In December 2012 Kristiane spoke in front of 16,000 people at the RIS Convention, Canada. She gave the key note speech at the 'Legacy of the Torch' Event held at Eton College. She chaired a discussion at the House of Lords on the Arab Spring with Prof Tariq Ramadan. She spoke at the Congress of Leaders Of World and Traditional Religions in Kazakhstan, gave the opening speech at the think tank FIRD in London before the US First secretary as a 'friend of Pakistan', she also spoke to FIRDS's student body about 'How to achieve success and awaken the inner giant' and she spoke at several University ISOC events about Muslim issues. Kristiane also hosted an event for Takeda in Budapest.

Kristiane presented the 'Reise' show on Travel Channel Germany for three years. Kristiane chaired the 'Hier and There' Cultural Event for the German Embassy in London as well as a panel discussion on 'Euro Islam' with Prof Tariq Ramadan for the Conference Beyond Multiculturalism- Islam in Europe at the University of Westminster (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung), she spoke at the Progressive Muslims Forum and chaired the Launch of Missing Pages EIF at the House of Lords, and hosted "The London Initiative" business networking dinner at London's Park Plaza,

	Westminster and was the keynote speaker at the international accountancy firm Auren on ‘Self Development’.
	Publication of the revised paperback “From MTV to Mecca” in Germany. As Global Ambassador for the Exploring Islam Foundation Kristiane was one of the faces of the “Inspired by Muhammad” campaign in the UK and engaged with local and international media including BBC Question Time, Sky News, Al Jazeera and Die Welt in order to challenge existing stereotypes and build bridges of understanding between Islam and the West. She spoke to interfaith groups around the UK and Germany, hosted the Pakistan Achievement Awards in London, chaired a Radical Middle Way debate on Islam and the environment, launched the Muslim/ Swarovski fusion artist Nurjan for the Mica Gallery in London, and the EMWI Awards in Madrid, spoke on Muhammad’s environmental teachings at Warwick University and on a Common Identity at an Integration Conference at the German Reichstag as well as moderating the Allegria Festival in Hamburg amongst others.
2009	Presenter “Reise” for Travel Channel, presenter of the interfaith magazine “Matters of Faith” for Ebru TV. Published autobiography: „From MTV to Mecca“ in Germany, currently translated into Turkish, Arabic and English
2007 - 2008	Presenter and producer of a news analyses program and a chat show for Press TV, UK
since 2005	Reporter from international events for German TV ARD, ZDF, Premiere, guest speaker at international events and commentator on health issues for the BBC and Sky TV. Guest presenter QVC UK for a range of food supplements, Presenter of international live events, conferences, award ceremonies, galas, debates, cultural festivals, guest speaker
since 2004	Speaker Inflight show for Emirates Airlines

2004	Presenter of weekly health slot on RTL giving natural health tips
2003	News Anchor for ATV, international satellite TV channel, London
2001	Presenter Now.com internet TV, London
1999 - 2002	Education as homeopath, London
1996 - 1998	Presenter of daily guide to culture and entertainment “The Ticket NBC”. Arranged and interviewed international artists including Placido Domingo, Yehudi Menuhin, Peter Gabriel , Ute Lemper, Ben Kingsley
1995- 2010	Voice -overs including BBC, Virgin Radio, MTV networks, Ufa, VW, Landrover, Tempo, Palm phones
1992 - 1995	Presenter of youth show “Bravo TV”, Germany
1989 - 1996	Presenter and reporter for MTV Europe, presenting different formats within the channel including “MTV Coca Cola Report”, “European Top 20”, “MTV at the Movies”, interviews with major artists including Lenny Kravitz and the Rolling Stones

Affiliations

2014	Save an Orphan Ramadan 2014 Campaign
2012	Patron TellMama Campaign, Faith Matters
2011	Ambassador Progressive Muslims Forum, Faith Matters
2010	Global Ambassador for Exploring Islam Foundation. Honorary advisor of CEDAR
1998	Chief Organiser of a multicultural concert and art exhibition in Sarajevo as part of the political and cultural project “The Bridge” in association with Bosnia’s UN ambassador

1996 – 2002 Executive member of the charity “Learning for Life” producer and organiser of fundraising events and shows

Awards

- Presidential Medal of the Sciences and the Arts from Egypt
- Progressive Muslims Forum Award
- Golden Camera
- 2 x Golden Otto

Lecturer

Guest lecturer at several colleges in the UK including the Foundation for International Education, the Cambridge Muslim College and the London Academy of Media, Film and TV

Interests

Arts and culture, current affairs, humanitarian, health, medicine, human interest, chat, religion - focus Islam, inter cultural, inter faith dialogue, ecology, cooking

Training

1987 - 1989 Education radio journalist and producer, Radio Hamburg. First major interview: graffiti artist Keith Haring

1998 – 2002 Natural Medicine, qualifying as homeopath, Universtiy of West minster , Lakeland College of Homeopathy

1998- 2000 Islamic Studies, Birkbeck - Muslim College