

MEL, SUE & MARY TOO...

Sally Smith reveals everything you ever wanted to know about the ladies from The Great British Bake Off

MEL Giedroyc, 45, is married to Ben Morris, a television director. They have two children, Florence, 11, and Vita, 9.

- ◆ Mel is the youngest of four children and has Belgian, Polish, Lithuanian and Belarussian ancestry.
- ◆ She is very good at parallel parking - give her any-sized space, unless her husband is in the car.
- ◆ Her nickname is Miggins, after her family named her Mrs Miggins in Blackadder, who runs a pie shop.
- ◆ The first record she and her sister ever bought was Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen.

'Mel's favourite TV show is The Muppet Show - she has it all on box set'

- ◆ The most expensive thing she ever splashed out on was a Harris Tweed handbag from Glasgow Airport for £96 when she was slightly worse for wear.
- ◆ Her favourite place in Britain is Ullswater in the Lake District.
- ◆ Mel appeared in three series of the twice Bafta-nominated cult sketch show Sorry I've Got No Head, as well as the West End musical Eurobeat: Almost Eurovision!



Sue (left) and Mel, presenting Channel 4's Light Lunch in 1997

- ◆ She has also appeared in one episode of The Vicar Of Dibley and co-starred in the 2005 BBC 1 sitcom Blessed.
- ◆ She loves Jon Snow, the Channel 4 newsreader.
- ◆ She was the sixth student to be voted out of Comic Relief Does Fame Academy.

SUE Perkins, 44, is a comedian and broadcaster. She lives in London and is besotted with her two beagles, Pickle and Parker.

- ◆ Sue is a typical freelancer and only takes minibreaks, so she doesn't miss out on any work.
- ◆ The one thing she hates about holidays is the unpacking.
- ◆ Sue told her parents she was gay when she was 28, although her sexuality was only revealed to the public in 2002 by her ex-girlfriend Rhona Cameron during an appearance on I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!
- ◆ After turning 40 she had therapy when she broke up with her long-term partner Kate Williams and thoroughly recommends it.
- ◆ Sue doesn't do dresses: she wears jeans, blazers and suits, both on and off screen. 'I'm not the sort to show off flesh,' she said.
- ◆ Sue is an accomplished pianist and achieved Grade 8 piano and she has a degree in English Literature.
- ◆ In 2008 she came first on the BBC show Maestro, which culminated in her conducting at the Last Night Of The Proms in Hyde Park.
- ◆ She now has a passion for conducting and has led the Dinnington Colliery Band, playing the National Anthem to open the Four Nations rugby as part of the documentary, A Band For Britain.
- ◆ Sue wrote, starred in and composed the music for her latest sitcom Heading Out. ▶

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