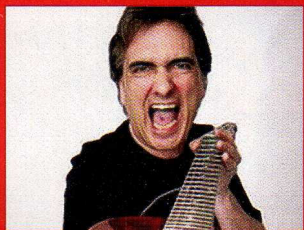


## In the hot seat... Jordy Cernik



With the world being the way it is we all need a little light-hearted fun and banter, so I have embarked upon a mission to find out more about our UK radio presenters, going deep into their crazy pasts to find who the people behind the voices are.

This week's presenter in the hot seat is **Billy Rankin**, DJ and rock god from the breakfast show on 96.3 Rock Radio.

**Morning Billy, let's start off with a nice easy question, what was your first job or big break on to the airwaves?**

My big break and first job in radio was down to being an ex-Rock Star thus knowing the Head of 96.3 Rock Radio for 25 years and having got him absolutely hammered on our tour bus many years before.

**Very rock and roll! What would you say has been your biggest rock moment on radio?**

Calling a listener live on air after he texted a fellow presenter telling him his show was better than mine... and making him admit he was wrong!

**Mr Rankin it sounds like you like to have the last word, has this ever got you in trouble on air?**

I once told listeners that Deep Purple's Ian Gillan couldn't remember the lyrics to 'Smoke on the Water' cos he was p\*\*sed when he joined my band onstage in Athens, 1991. Then I had to interview Ian who luckily admitted he couldn't even remember Athens, 1991.

**Most DJs and rockers like their freebees, so what's been one of your greatest achievements in getting something for nothing?**

The ones folk leave around the studio and forget about. 'Did you see that?...err...I left it here 2 months ago...' Signed guitar from The Stones? Nah! Haven't seen it Boss.

**It's quite easy to say without offending you that you're a bit of a show off!**

Never!

**What's your advice to other show offs?**

Only show off if you can back it up... Or nobody can prove otherwise.

**Our readers like to hear about which people you would have in your radio dream team, but me, I want to know who you would give up your career for if you had to work with them.**

Terry Wogan. He doesn't Rock!

**Poor old Terry! But he is known for his competitions and prizes. So over the years what's been the worst prize you have had to give-a-way on your show?**

The worst competition was when I announced I was giving away a Queen DVD which turned out to be the movie 'The Queen' starring Helen Mirren.

**Oops! Not really a rockers first choice. Well thanks for letting us find out a little bit more about you and as a thank you I always like to offer my guests a treat, which I like to call 'The shameless plug', so please plug away.**

Okay. Billy Rankin in the Morning is the best breakfast show on 96.3 Rock Radio. (Actually, it's the only breakfast show on 96.3 Rock Radio!) Thanks Jordy.

*That was Billy Rankin. Remember if you're a presenter out there who wants to step into the hot seat with me, you can send your contact details to [editor@theradiomagazine.co.uk](mailto:editor@theradiomagazine.co.uk) and I'll be in touch soon.*