

## **JOHNNY MADGE**

Born 1st July 1959 in the United Kingdom

Degree in the History of Art Cambridge 1978-81

Came to live in Italy in 1982 and took an immediate interest in olive oil.

2004 started working as a taster for the Slow Food Extravergini Guide

2004 presented olive oil and Slow Food on the BBC tv Countryfile programme

2008 started the Johnny Madge Olive Oil Tour introducing tourists to olive oil

2009 was invited to present the food culture of Lazio (including an olive oil tasting) for the Gary Rhodes "Rhodes Through Italy" tv programme

2011 judged olive oils at Extrascape

2013 invited to the First International New York Olive Oil Competition to talk about bitterness in olive oil

2013 participated in the ONAOO olive oil tasters course

2014 invited to be apprentice judge at the Olive Japan olive oil competition

2015 March asked to present olive oil to the leader of the hip-hop group Run DMC for American tv.