



REGIS TO TAKE HIS NEW SHOW BY STORM

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Regis Philbin is looking forward to continuing his prime time reign after he agreed to revive the classic ABC show *This Is Your Life* in 2006. America's best-loved TV host celebrated his new job by declaring: "My network needs me! I'm there! *This Is Your Life* was always one of my favorite shows."

As these pictures reveal, Regis, 74, made a big splash with the news as he arrived for an interview on the *Late Show With David Letterman* on November 9. He got caught in the rain in his convertible, but made light of it by putting up his umbrella.

Created and hosted by broadcasting pioneer Ralph Edwards, the legendary hit show – which started on the radio in the 1940s – premiered on TV in 1952 and ran for nine years before settling into a successful run in syndication heaven.

On each show, an unsuspecting guest, celebrity or civilian, is honored through the memories of family and friends who make surprise appearances. The guest is then presented with gifts.

An ABC executive said: "The show is a roller coaster of emotions – there's comedy, anticipation, tears of joy – and no one can take an audience on that ride better than Regis."

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