

RSE honours Armando Iannucci

Armando Iannucci, CBE, was in Edinburgh last week signing the Fellows roll book of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

The Glasgow born creator of political TV shows including *The Thick of It*, *I'm Alan Partridge* and *Veep*, was elected as an Honorary Fellow earlier this year for his work as a world-renowned writer and satirist.

Mr Iannucci said: "I was delighted to be elected an Honorary Fellow of the RSE, and I hope it spurs me on to put more effort into making connections with people in areas that I have always been interested in and intrigued by.

"My ultimate aim is to make people laugh, but if in the course of that I am also illuminating the subject for them, then I think that is what satire can do usefully. That's the thing about comedy, if it works, people remember. By laughing they have clearly lodged the information and it has had an effect."

Mona Siddiqui, OBE, FRSE, vice president of International at the RSE, said: "It is a great pleasure to welcome Armando Iannucci to the Fellowship of the RSE. Our goal is to make knowledge useful and through his writing, humour, and creativity, Armando embodies the aims of the RSE, appealing to a wide international audience."



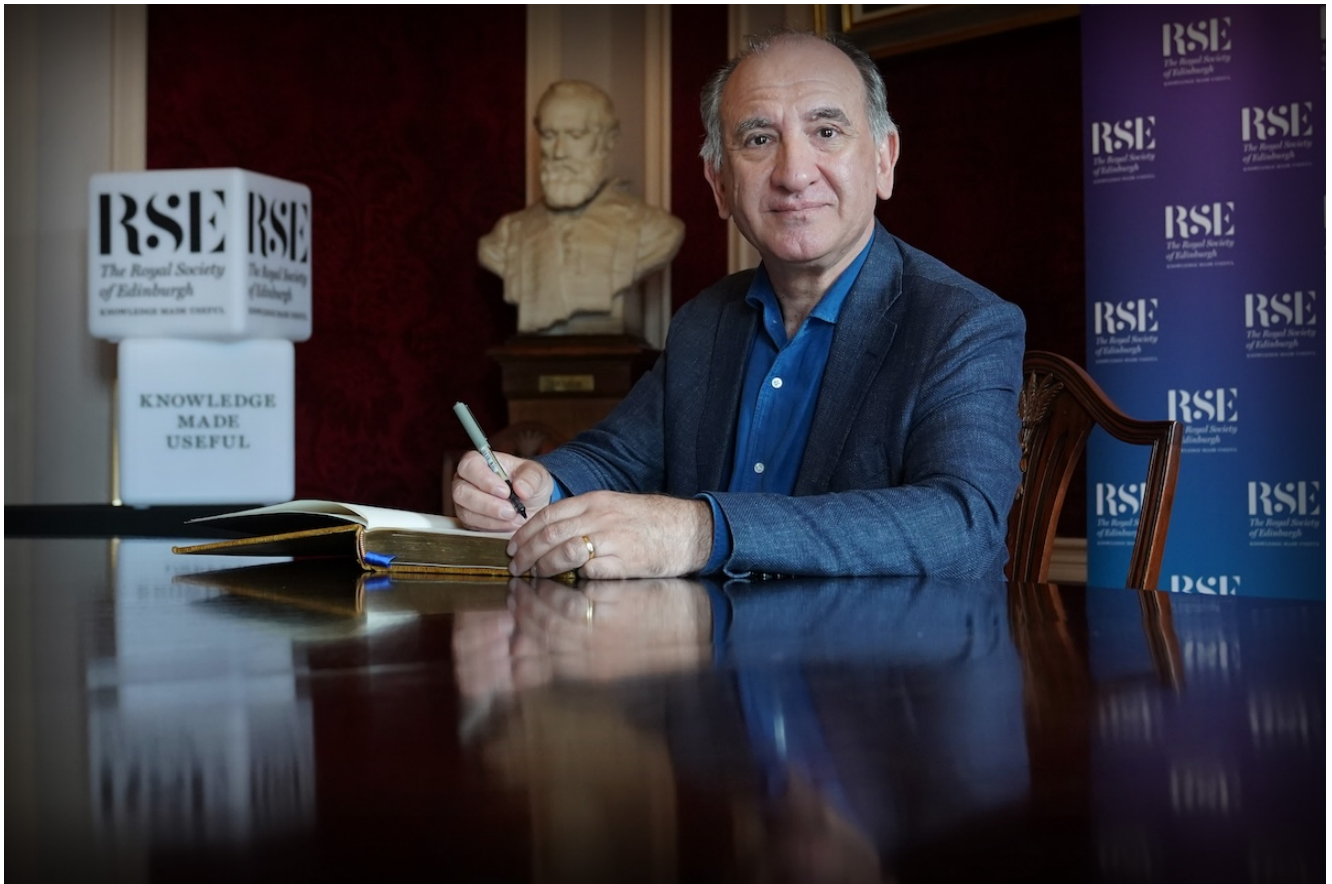
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