



Sue Cleaver



Sue Cleaver trained at Manchester Polytechnic School of Theatre. She is also qualified as a massage therapist and is a mezzo soprano. She was a regular with Comedy Express, has performed on stage as well as television and has done advert voiceovers. She also supports the Anthony Nolan Trust, for children who need bone marrow transplants.

She studied at the Manchester Polytechnic School of Theatre and her first television appearance was a small part in an episode of *A Touch of Frost*. She went on to star in the acclaimed drama series *Band of Gold* before landing a role in the film *Girls Night* alongside Julie Walters and Brenda Blethyn.

In 1999 she appeared in the Victoria Wood penned sitcom *Dinnerladies* and had a small part in the Johnny Depp / Cate Blanchett movie *The Man Who Cried*. It was after filming that role in 2000 that she was cast as Eileen Grimshaw in the top rated ITV1 soap opera *Coronation Street*. Cleaver won praise for her portrayal of Eileen, the mother of a son - Todd - who struggles with his sexuality and announces he is gay. The character of Todd has since left the show but Eileen remains one of the more popular characters among fans.