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Jenni Falconer takes up the reigns for The National Lottery

Gorgeous television presenter Jenni Falconer is to be the new face of The National Lottery, presenting the Lotto, Dream Number and Thunderball draws on BBC ONE. She will make her first appearance on the special game-show extravaganza broadcast to celebrate National Lottery Day on Saturday 23rd September – ***The National Lottery – Everyone's A Winner***, hosted by Noel Edmonds.

Jenni was recently crowned champion of the BBC ONE series ***Only Fools On Horses***, in aid of Sport Relief. She will be hoping her winning streak rubs off on lottery players on National Lottery Day, when there will be a special Lotto Superdraw with a guaranteed jackpot of £15 million available to win. ***The National Lottery – Everyone's A Winner***, will also reveal the winners of the National Lottery Awards, which celebrate the inspirational work of Lottery-funded projects, and cover some of the special National Lottery Day events taking place around the country.

In addition to presenting the draws on National Lottery Day, Jenni will also be the draw presenter for ***1 vs 100***, BBC ONE'S brand new National Lottery game show. ***1 vs 100***, which pits one player against 100 opponents, launches this autumn.

Jenni, who is originally from Glasgow, has anchored ***Entertainment Today***, GMTV's showbiz entertainment show, since September 2000. This has given her the opportunity to interview the likes of Ben Affleck, Nicole Kidman, Clint Eastwood and Jennifer Lopez. Other presenting credits include BBC ONE's ***Holiday*** and ITV's live consumer show ***We Can Work It Out***.

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Jenni, who is already a familiar face reporting from the red carpet at film premieres, will shortly be making her own feature film debut, playing the character “Jenny” in *Ecstasy*, the forthcoming follow-up to the smash-hit film *Trainspotting*.

Jenni said: “I am absolutely thrilled to be the new National Lottery draw presenter and to be involved in what promises to be a really spectacular show to celebrate National Lottery Day. Having enjoyed the winning experience myself recently, with *Only Fools On Horses*, I’m extremely excited to be involved in a show which is all about creating winners.”

Martyn Fox, Head of Broadcasting for National Lottery operator, Camelot, added: “We are delighted that Jenni is to present The National Lottery draws. Jenni is a highly talented and experienced presenter and already has a huge following. We are sure that she will herself be a ‘super draw’ for National Lottery show viewers.”

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