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BRITISH TV IS A DISGRACE

'Star attacks reality shows' by Nicola Methven, TV Editor

ACTRESS Amanda Redman has accused reality shows of ruining British television. She wants programmes such as Big Brother, The Salon and Driving School to be banned.

The At Home with the Braithwaites star said: "They make me so angry. British television is in a really disgraceful state. It is pandering to the lowest common denominator. I believe that if the audiences were given better stuff, they'd watch it."

Amanda, 45, who is co-starring with Dennis Waterman in BBC1's New Tricks, described American dramas such as Six Feet Under and The Sopranos as being among the best in the world. She added: "I think it's embarrassing for this country, when we used to be so good at what we did. When the Americans are taking over in terms of the quality of their drama, which they are, and we are giving money to the cheapest stuff possible, it's a terrible state of affairs."

Amanda, who teaches at a drama school in London at weekends, was also scathing about the contestants who appear on reality shows just to find fame.

She said: "It's wonderful seeing young people who have that passion for theatre, as opposed to just becoming famous, which I cannot stand. It makes my blood boil. I just can't bear it. It makes me furious. You choose a profession because, hopefully, you have a passion for it, and for the craft itself, whether it be writing, painting, acting, it doesn't matter."

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