

What is it with Men and their Shoes?

Everyone knows about Imelda Marcos and her passion for footwear, and we suspect that deep down, most women are budding Imeldas. But what about men? Are they careless about what they put on their feet or do they have deep feelings about their pedestrian appurtenances?



Here is another subject in this occasional series. We have asked Byron George (retired Tailor) to answer some questions. Byron is married to Christeen, who sings with Holy Cross Choir.

Do you know how many pairs of shoes you have off the top of your head?

No

Take a moment and think. Can you remember?

No, I've got too many pairs to remember them all.

Do you have a best pair?

Yes

Describe them

They're my Bally shoes. They're black leather lace ups with leather soles and heels.

How much will you pay for shoes?

It depends what I buy them for. I paid £60 for my last pair of shoes – a pair of K-Swiss trainers but I've also paid between £250 and £350 for a pair when I was working.

Have you a favourite pair?

Yes – they're made of some sort of skin – snakeskin I think.

Where do you buy?

From any good shoe shop.

How do you decide what to wear?

Depends on which suit I'm wearing.

Are shoes important to you?

Yes because I want to look good



What criteria do you have when purchasing?

They need to look good and feel comfortable.

Byron was dressed casually when interviewed.