**The DEFINITE ARTICLE**

*We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week it’s impressionist Rory Bremner’s turn*

The prized posession you value above all others... Some original match notes written by the rugby commentator Bill McLaren. He was the ‘voice of rugby’ during the 1960s, 70s and beyond. As a schoolboy, I hero-worshipped the greats of that era. His voice was one of the first impersonations I did.

The temptation you wish you could resist... Saying yes to too many requests. I take on too much.

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... Candide by Voltaire. It’s one of the great works of satire, using humour to demolish hypocrisy and false reasoning. I read it at school and it still inspires me.

The priority activity if you were the Invisible Man for a day... I’d love to be in the Oval Office with Donald Trump and send some Tweets to be a show or an after-dinner speech. I’m 55 now, and these days I’m down to one in 24 hours, with no travel restrictions.

The film you can watch time and time again... As Good As It Gets... the figure from history for whom you’d most like to buy a pie and a pint... Gandhi. Mostly because I’d get to keep the pint – and probably the pie too.

The poem that touches your soul... This Be The Verse by Philip Larkin because of all the idiocies I’ve passed on to my children, Ava, 15, and Lila, 13. It opens with that immortal line, ‘They F*** you up, your mum and dad. They may not mean to, but they do.’

The unending quest that drives you on... To be a better man.

The thing you lost and wish you could have again... The confidence and energy I had in my thirties. All one in evening back then, I’d go to a reception, then an opera, before doing a show or an after-dinner speech. I’m 55 now, and these days I’m down to one of those – on a good night!

The philosophy that underpins your life... Do what you can to make life better in your own sphere of influence, which I got from Candide. You won’t change the world, but you will make the best of a part of it.

The order of service at your funeral... Forget it. It’s not going to happen. Over my dead body.

The way you want to be remembered... In the impressionists’ category in pub quizzes.

The Plug... Rory Bremner will be touring his new show Partly Political from 7 February. For information visit lakinmccarthy.com.

*As told to Rob McGibbon*

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**PS...**

Rachel Weiss appears in historical drama Denial, in cinemas from Friday. The soundtrack to series four of BBC1’s Sherlock is out on the same day. And the Broadway production of The Glass Menagerie comes to the Duke Of York’s Theatre on Thursday.