

# Kaci Christian

Anchor/Reporter

**TV news anchor/reporter, WWAY-TV (ABC), Wilmington NC 2007**

Anchored weekday evening newscasts, write extensively for the newscast. Reported on local feature, human interest, arts/entertainment, health/fitness stories. Recruited to join this station to anchor the news and help expand station's presence and visibility in community. In the latter capacity, I made frequent public appearances, emceeding and hosting a wide variety of charitable and civic events.

**Radio news anchor, KRLA 870 AM (Metro Networks), Los Angeles CA 2006**

Wrote and anchored live radio newscasts with weather and traffic updates.

**Radio traffic reporter, Metro Networks, Los Angeles CA 2006**

(a division of Westwood One Communications)

Produced and delivered live on-air traffic reports for LA and surrounding areas for CBSO&O 24-hour news radio stations, KFVB 980 AM and KNX 1070 AM, and other stations.

**Correspondent, LARadio.com 2000-present**

Write special feature articles for this industry website serving the Los Angeles radio community. As a special correspondent, provide exclusive coverage of the annual RTNDA and NAB conferences for *LARadio.com* (2001 through 2006).

**Freelance reporter/host/media consultant (self-employed) 2004-2005**

Reported or hosted a variety of events. Assisted clients with developing and producing effective marketing and training materials, publications and video projects.

**TV news anchor/reporter, KBAK-TV (CBS), Bakersfield CA 2002-2003**

Anchored field reports, live on location, with frequent hits on the morning show, *Daybreak* (5-7a), and produced and anchored the local cut-ins during *The Early Show* on CBS. Responsibilities also included producing the morning live shots; occasionally delivering live shots for the noon newscast; and frequently providing feature-oriented look-lives or packages for the evening news.

Reported on general assignments for the morning and noon newscasts. Also did special reports for CNN during national news story out of Bakersfield, the high-profile Harper family case (*Five Family Members Murdered*) in July 2003.

**Radio traffic reporter, KFI 640 AM, Los Angeles CA 2002**

Produced and reported traffic conditions in LA and surrounding areas for this top-ranked AM station in LA and other stations. Reporting updates 10 times an hour is comparable to doing a live shot every 6 minutes (taking a live toss, and having a limited time to deliver an informative yet concise report) to bring the latest details to a city that considers traffic reports an integral resource. This position required focus, spontaneity, and an ability to adlib.

**Host/producer, LuxuriaMusic.com (Clear Channel internet radio station in LA) 2001**

Created, produced, programmed and hosted a weekly music and talk show called *Kaci's Foreign Affair*, featuring classic and contemporary cocktail lounge music, with celebrity guests occasionally joining me to co-host my show. The station was broadcast via the Internet with simulcast video stream, so despite the "radio" moniker, the show was also viewed in live images.

**Reporter/anchor. *Around & About Orange County News*, Santa Ana CA 1999-2000**

Anchor/reporter for this half-hour weekly cable TV news magazine show, aired in Orange County CA. Initially general assignment reporter, and ultimately senior entertainment anchor/reporter.

**Host, *Panda Shopping Channel*, TVN Shopping Network, Los Angeles CA 2000**

The programming on this channel aired live 24/7 and was distributed nationally on cable and DirecTV. This job required extensive improvisation, creativity and spontaneity on the 3-camera set, using an IFB. Frequently, there were items that were not on the original rundown that were inserted into the program at the last minute, handled similarly to breaking news on an anchor desk.

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

- Postgraduate studies, Broadcast Journalism, Santa Ana College, Santa Ana CA
- Masters in Business Administration, Northeastern University, Boston MA
- Bachelor of Arts in English, concentration in Communications, UT Austin TX

**AWARDS**

- Fellow, RTNDF/RIAS German/American Journalist Exchange Fellowship, fall 2003. Selected in a nationwide search to be one of fifteen American broadcast journalist fellows to travel to Germany for several weeks to meet elected representatives, government officials, community leaders and peers in television and radio broadcasting in an exploration of the similarities and differences in broadcasting in the USA and in Germany.
- Outstanding journalist, Santa Ana College Broadcasting Dept

**MEMBERSHIPS**

RTNDA, APTRA (Associated Press), AFTRA (Amer Federation of TV & Radio Artists)

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- Consumer affairs
- Business & legal issues
- Entertainment & pop culture
- Human interest
- Health & fitness
- Animals/pets

**SPECIAL SKILLS**

- Experienced broadcast journalist, comfortable with TelePrompTer & IFB
- Exceptional communication (verbal & written), listening & conversational skills
- Skilled in live reporting, cold reading & anchoring breaking news
- Effective interviewer & storyteller, very upbeat & high-energy personality
- Spontaneous & resourceful, professional work ethic
- Computer literate (PC & Mac), experienced with **ENPS** AP newsroom software
- Creative, articulate & intelligent, extensive vocabulary
- Knowledgeable about pop culture & music
- Languages: American Sign Language, Spanish, French, German, some Japanese
- Extensive community involvement, including volunteer leadership & charitable work

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