

RICK KARAS

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Broadcast journalist with experience in multiple formats in front of the microphone, on camera, and online. Entertaining, engaging personality, and a gifted writer; an asset to any media company.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WCBS 880 AM, New York, NY

2012 – Present

Writer

Write full-length newscasts for 24 hour all-news station.

- Write stories and headlines including wraps, teases, and anchor/reporter intros.
- Conduct interviews and edit them for broadcast for daily '411' feature.

NEWS 12 NETWORKS, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut

2003 - Present

General Assignment Reporter

Report on camera, write, and produce local news stories for air.

- Appear live and/or on tape from the field or studio for affiliates throughout the tri-state area.
- Conduct interviews and gather information for use on-air. Write stories for show on ENPS newsroom system.

PATCH.COM, Long Island, NY

2009 - Present

Reporter

Write and report for a series of town-specific websites.

- Cover breaking news stories.
- Conduct interviews and write full length feature articles.
- Report and photograph high school sports; interview players and coaches.

CABLEVISION METRO TRAFFIC & WEATHER, Woodbury, NY

2001 - 2004

Reporter

Reported traffic on cluster of 24-hour traffic and weather stations, spanning 5 separate broadcast regions throughout the tri-state area.

- Gathered traffic information from relevant sources and series of 'on the scene' cameras.
- Wrote updates in preparation for live broadcasts.
- Created animated graphics and maps as visual aids to go along with the live voicing of reports.

L.I. NEWS TONIGHT, Old Westbury, NY

2002 - 2003

General Assignment Reporter

Reported on camera, wrote, and edited local news stories for air on Emmy-winning nightly Long Island newscast.

- Gathered information for stories and features via on-scene interviews with local newsmakers.
- Assisted in overall production and editing of nightly newscast.

METRO NETWORKS, New York, NY

2000 - 2001

Producer/Writer/Reporter

Wrote and compiled local traffic information for broadcast on radio, TV, and internet affiliates. Voiced reports on cable television's Metro Traffic and Weather. Filled in on-air reporting traffic for numerous radio and television affiliates.

- Gathered traffic information from various agencies and sources during AM and PM rush hours.
- Operated online system of 'on the road' cameras used by TV affiliates.
- Participated in numerous radio shows as traffic reporter/sidekick.
- Read commercial copy live as part of broadcast.

WCBS 880 AM, New York, NY

1998 – 1999

Desk Assistant/Tape Operations

Assisted in writing, editing, and production of newscasts. Conducted and taped interviews with newsmakers and edited them for broadcast.

- Took in live feeds from reporters and edited them for air.
- Taped numerous features from CBS Radio Network and prepared them for air.
- Wrote story leads to be read by news anchors.
- Maintained the quality of the newsroom equipment, and acted as support for rest of staff.

EDUCATION

New School of Radio & Television, Albany, NY

Major: Broadcast Communications Minor: Air Personality/Digital Production

State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY

B.A. in Communications

Minor: Business/Journalism

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Voiceover Performance Training

Speech and Diction Training/Accent Elimination

TECHNICAL TRAINING

ENPS Newsroom System, Linear and non-linear editing (S.A.W., Shortcut, CoolEdit)

ACTIVITIES

Freelance voiceover actor; commercials, narration, animation

ORGANIZATIONS

Writers Guild of America East (WGA)

American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA)