

Kathleen Dore

President, Television & Radio
Canwest Mediaworks Inc.

In October 2004, Kathleen Dore was appointed to the newly created position of President, Television & Radio, CanWest MediaWorks Inc. One of the premier media companies in Canada, CanWest has interests in broadcast television, publishing, radio, specialty cable channels, outdoor advertising and Internet websites in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Turkey.

Dore is responsible for the company's Canadian broadcast assets, including Global Television, a coast-to-coast Canadian broadcasting network and its 11 owned and operated stations; CH, a second network that broadcasts to 65% of English-speaking Canada; eight specialty cable channels and radio stations in Winnipeg and Kitchener. During Dore's tenure, Global Television and CH have premiered hit shows Prison Break, Deal or No Deal, My Name is Earl, The Office, Rock Star and The Unit. She also led the rebranding of Global Television and the launch of ET Canada in the fall of 2005. Under her leadership, Global's national newscast took over the #1 position in Canada, and the Prime specialty network was rebranded as TVTropolis and saw a 30% increase in viewership in 2006.

Prior to joining CanWest, Dore was a cable television leader and innovator at New York-based Rainbow Media Holdings Inc., where she served as President, Entertainment Services for U.S. cable networks AMC (American Movie Classics), IFC (Independent Film Channel) and WE (Women's Entertainment). Among her accomplishments at Rainbow, Dore was responsible for the development, launch and success of the Independent Film Channel and IFC Entertainment, which distributed award-winning independent films such as My Big Fat Greek Wedding and Boys Don't Cry.

Dore was also responsible for the growth and expansion of Bravo, now owned by NBC, where she served as President from 1996 until 2002. At Bravo, she oversaw the development of the award-winning series Inside the Actors Studio and Queer Eye for the Straight Guy. She led Bravo to profitability and built the cable network from a subscriber base of fewer than 500,000 U.S. households to more than 68 million households. During her tenure at Bravo she was instrumental in partnering with Canadian broadcaster CHUM to launch Bravo Canada, and with Alliance Atlantis to launch IFC Canada. Dore joined Rainbow Media in 1982 as Affiliate Marketing Manager. She was named Regional Director in 1986, prior to being named Vice President and General Manager of Bravo in 1988.

Prior to joining Rainbow Media, Dore worked as an Account Executive at Merrill Lynch, and as Associate Director of the University of Iowa Alumni Association. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Iowa with a BA in Broadcasting and Film and an MBA in Finance.

In 2003, Dore was named Woman of the Year by the Women in Cable and Telecommunications Foundation (WICT). She is also the recipient of the Lee Salk Goodworks Award for her outstanding contribution to the fields of business and the arts by Theatreworks/USA and a 2002 Girls Incorporated honoree. In 2003, she was named one of Fast Company's "Fast 50," the only cable television executive cited in this annual feature on innovative business leaders. She is currently on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Film Centre as well as the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine. She is a frequent lecturer at the Stern School of Business at New York University and the Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa, where she also serves on the Advisory Board.

Margaux Watt

CBC Radio One

Margaux Watt has been in broadcasting for 25 years (she started when she was five!). She has worked in radio and television in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Margaux has worked as a Reporter, News Anchor, Call In/Talk Show Host and Music DJ. As a News Director, she's run newsrooms, and as a Program Director, Margaux's been responsible for a radio station's entire programming.

Margaux loves to talk. After that, her next love is music. She's a classically trained pianist, who's taught piano and played in everything from a rock band to a church choir.

Margaux even sang on a record that was released when she was in Grade Four. It turned out to be her last album!

Janet Stewart

CBC News Anchor

Janet Stewart hosts the CBC's local supertime news program, CBC News at Six.

Prior to joining the CBC News team, Janet worked for five years as the noon and supper-hour news anchor for CTV in Winnipeg.

In her off hours, Janet is the devoted and well-trained servant of an 8 year old pug named Albert.

Any time that's left goes to volunteering with community groups, drinking coffee with friends and watching movies with her husband Dave.

Phyllis Yaffe

Chief Executive Officer
Alliance Atlantis Communications Inc.

Phyllis Yaffe was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Alliance Atlantis Communications in June 2005 and to the Company's board of directors in November 2005. In her role as CEO, Ms. Yaffe is responsible for leading the Company in achieving its financial and operating goals.

Ms. Yaffe has played a defining role at Alliance Atlantis. In her previous role as Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Yaffe was responsible for overseeing Alliance Atlantis' worldwide operations, including its dynamic Canadian specialty television channels, its international television distribution business and the hit CSI franchise, which the company co-owns and co-produces with CBS Productions.

Prior to her role as COO, Ms. Yaffe led the Company's broadcast division overseeing all aspects of management for the company's thirteen Canadian specialty television networks: Showcase, Life Network, HGTV (Home and Garden Television) Canada, History Television, Food Network, Showcase Diva, Showcase Action, National Geographic Channel, IFC Canada, Discovery Health Channel, BBC Canada, BBC Kids and Fine Living. In this role, Ms. Yaffe also oversaw Alliance Atlantis' involvement in, and ownership interest of, four other specialty channels, namely Historia, Series+, One: the Body, Mind and Spirit Channel and SCREAM.

Ms. Yaffe's other accomplishments include being the Chair of the Foundation to Underwrite New Drama for Pay Television (FUND), now known as The Harold Greenberg Fund, from its inception in 1986 through until 1993. She has also held the title of Vice President of Marketing for Owl Communications and was the first director of The Children's Book Centre. She has served as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of The Ontario Science Centre from 1991 to 1997.

Ms. Yaffe presently sits on the Motion Picture Distribution Inc. Board, the Ryerson University Board, the World Wildlife Fund Board and is Chair of the Canadian Abilities Foundation Board. Ms. Yaffe is also a member of the Mayor's Economic Competitiveness Advisory Committee for the City of Toronto.

Ms. Yaffe was selected as the Canadian Women in Communications 1999 Woman of the Year and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Women in Film and Television in April 2000.

Dez

Q94 Morning Show Host

Dez has been a broadcaster and programmer since 1992 and has worked for stations all over Western Canada. Since moving to Winnipeg from Calgary ten years ago, she has spent time on the air at 92 CITI FM, QX 104 FM and Hot 103's predecessor, Star 103, where Dez was also the Music Director. She has been part of the Q 94FM morning show since 2000.

Recently Dez has been devoting more time to her growing family, and her writing. Dez's work has been featured in the Winnipeg Free Press, and her first fiction publication, "The Christmas Card" is available in the anthology "Prairie Writers", at McNally Robinson Bookstores.