

Brian Williams

A decorated sports broadcaster for more than 30 years, Brian Williams will anchor CTV's and TSN's prime-time Olympic coverage, playing a leading role in shaping and delivering the networks' coverage of the 2010 Winter Games from Vancouver and 2012 Summer Games from London.

Considered the dean of Olympic sports broadcasting in Canada, Williams is a champion of amateur sports. He reported on his first Olympics at the 1976 Summer Games from Montreal and has covered a total of 12 Olympic Games, as well as every high-profile amateur sporting event around the globe.

Williams hosted CTV's and TSN's critically-acclaimed six-part original series *Bell Spirit of the Game*, giving viewers a behind-the-scenes perspective of the intriguing – and often controversial – world of Canadian amateur sports.

In addition to his work on the Olympics and amateur sports, Williams is also heavily involved in the CFL on TSN broadcasts, conducting weekly interviews with key newsmakers in the Canadian Football League. Rounding out Williams' all-encompassing role on CTV/TSN is play-by-play duties for the men's and women's Rogers Cup tennis tournaments each summer in Toronto and Montreal.

Williams' respected broadcast style has endeared him to millions of Canadians from coast-to-coast. He has won praise from critics and numerous accolades, including six Gemini Awards and two Foster Hewitt Awards.

Williams is currently on the Governors Council at North York General Hospital in Toronto and a former member of the hospital's Board of Directors. He is a lifetime member of the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities and member of the Board of Directors of the Tim Horton Children's Foundation. Williams is also on the selection committee for the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame in Toronto and works with Special Olympics Canada.

Born in Winnipeg, Williams began calling university basketball play-by-play in 1967. He started his professional career in radio with Toronto's CHUM. After a year at CFRB Radio in Toronto, Williams joined CBLT and remained with CBC until his move to CTV/TSN in June, 2006.