

SHARMAN YARNELL

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Sharman Yarnell has worked professionally in television, radio and theatre for twenty years. She has worked with such notables as Donald Sutherland, John Candy, James Brolin and Olympia Dukakis to name but a few. She presently co-hosts **The Chris Robinson Travel Show** and hosts the highly-rated **Showtime** on CJAD (Astral Radio) on Sunday afternoons. The show has also broadcast on remote from Barbados. She also writes a monthly entertainment column for **The Montrealer** called "Enter Stage Left with Sharman Yarnell" as well as Travel Writing.

Born and raised in Montreal, Sharman has also spent much of her time in England and Ireland. She has a BFA and a certificate in Journalism from **Concordia University**. She studied Drama at **The Banff School of Fine Arts** in Canada, and also at **The London Drama Studio** and **The Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts** in London.

Her voice work includes various animated series, including **Caillou** and the Emmy Award-winning **Arthur**. She has also recorded numerous documentaries for **The National Film Board of Canada** and Industrials for private enterprises.

She is regularly seen on national TV in **The Heritage Minutes** as 'Nellie McClung' and narrating monologues on **Mystery Ink** airing on The Mystery Channel. Other principal TV roles include "Melba" in **More Tales of the City**, **Who's Afraid of the Dark**, **Urban Angel** and, most recently, as "Mundane" in **The Ladies Room**. It was a special honor for Sharman to be asked to perform the role of "Gertrude" in **Hamlet** with the **Young Stratford Company** for the first Governor General Awards at the National Arts Center in Ottawa.

In her spare time she enjoys music which encompasses classical, rock and roll of the fifties and sixties, New Orleans Jazz and most especially, above all else ---- the Broadway Musical.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Radio

Astral Media

CURRENTLY: Host of **SHOWTIME** - (CJAD 800 a.m.)

SHOWTIME has been #1 in its Saturday time slot, now heard at 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. The focus of the show is on all aspects of the Cultural & Arts scene in Montréal and Canada. Sharman writes, researches and produces the show and has enjoyed such diverse interviews as Elvis Costello, the cast of Coronation Street, Mike Holmes, Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, William Shatner, Brian Dennehy, Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy, Kier Dullea, The Cake Boss, Ziggy Marley, Hugh Dillon, Chris Sarrandon and Joanna Gleeson, James Lipton and The Actors Studio, Colm Feore, Ben E King, Geriant Wyn-Davies, Randy Bachman, Leonard Maltin and the movie crunch, and the legendary Theodore Bikel amongst many, many others.

Astral Media

CURRENTLY: Co-Host of *The Chris Robinson Travel Show* (CJAD 800 a.m.)

Every Saturday at 11:00, Sharman Yarnell and Chris Robinson take you on a one-hour journey to some of the most wonderful travel locations on the planet both near and far with industry guests and experts and incredible contests.

Astral Media

PREVIOUSLY: Co-Host of *The Trivia Show* (CJAD 800 a.m.)

Astral Media

PREVIOUSLY: *5 Minute Mysteries on the Peter Anthony Holder Show* (CJAD 800 a.m.)

Astral Media

PREVIOUSLY: Fill-in host of *The Weekend Morning Show* (CJAD 800 a.m.)
Including *Memorial to Gordon Sinclair, Jr.*

Astral Media

PREVIOUSLY: *Lead Reports for New Years Eve: The Millennium* (CJAD 800 a.m.)

Theatre (Selections)

LOVE LETTERS "Melissa" Atwater Center
Dir. Roger Peace

HAMLET "Gertrude" with the Young Stratford Company at National Arts Center, Ottawa
Dir. Albert Schultz
The Governor General Awards

NORMAN CONQUESTS "Ruth" D.B. Clarke Theatre
Dir. Philip Spensley

THE WAY OF THE WORLD "Mrs. Marwood" Studio One (England)

PERICLES "Bawd" Studio One (England)
Dir. Nigel Warrington

Voice and Narrations (Selections)

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST - Narrator and Voices
She-V Productions Synchro

PETER PAN
Dir. Barry Luckin

THE LITTLE MERMAID
Dir. Barry Luckin

LIKE A HEARTBREAK – Narrator
Dir. Howard Rhyshpan

DES/TV DOCUMENTARY – Narrator
National Film Board of Canada
Dir. Bonnie Andrukaitis

THE HISTORY OF NUNAVIK - Narrator
Quarry Lane Prods.
Dir. Louise Abbott

THE CANADIAN ADVENTURE SERIES - Narrator
National Film Board of Canada

SUZANNAH MOODIE - Narrator
The National Film Board of Canada

VOICE WORK INCLUDES: Character work for cartoons (*Caillou* The Emmy-Award winning *Arthur*)

DIALECTS: Standard British, Cockney, Irish, Southern American, French

Professional demos (voice track of selected commercials and interviews) available upon request

Film/Television (Selections)

MYSTERY INK. - Narrator/O.C.
BBR Productions

SOUS LA SIGNE DE LION - “Elaine”/Principle
SDA/CBC
Dir. Yvon Trudel

LADIES ROOM - “Mundane”/Principle
Ladies Productions
Dir. Gabriella Cristiani

MORE TALES OF THE CITY - “Melba Littlefield”/Principle
Productions La Fete Inc.
Dir. Pierre Gang

HERITAGE MINUTES - Nellie McClung “Nellie”/Principle Ciupka Productions
Dir. Richard Ciupka

URBAN ANGEL - “Brenda McCoy”/Principle
CBC/Urban Angel: EPISODE: “Phoenix Rising”
Dir. Jim Kaufman

ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE DARK? – “Mother”/ Principle
Cinar Productions: EPISODE: “The Tale of Badge”

SHORTCHANGE - “Bonnie”/Principle
Cinegraphe Inc.

Industrial Live & Video (Selections)

BELL CANADA “Project Brand X” (Live & on Tape) – Principle
Les Creations B. Mantel

GOVERNMENT SECURITY - Master of Ceremonies
Stonehaven Productions

C.P. RAIL SYSTEM PERFORMANCE
Les Creations B. Mantel

TRANSPORT CANADA
Carelton Productions

C.P. RAIL TDR TRAINING
Les Creations B. Mantel

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
Program Communications

M.C. of Events (Selections)

Union United Church
Mens Gospel Choir Concert
The United Irish Society Events
Generations Theatre Night
St James Literary Society
United Irish Societies Banquet Awards Dinner
Tribute to Oliver Jones at Oscar Peterson Hall
Grand Marshall Chateauguay St Patrick's Parade
Judge Film Race - New York, Montreal
Judge United Irish Societies Queen's Selection

Teaching (Selections)

INSTRUCTOR: Writing for Radio and Television. *Concordia University Continuing Education*

INSTRUCTOR: Voice. *The Montreal Radio and Television School*

Recommendations

"I have both the opportunity and pleasure in working with Sharman for many years and I have found her to be a wonderful, dedicated as well as an extreme professional. Both on and off the air, Sharman has demonstrated the up most professionalism, good nature and uncanny ability in meeting any challenges as well as any responsibilities that had been asked of her. I strongly recommend Sharman to any organization or company that demands that kind of commitment or challenges."

SHELDON FRIED, *On Air Master Control Studio Producer & Technical Assistant CJAD 800 AM VIRGIN RADIO 96 FM CHOM 97.7, Astral Media*

"Sharmen Yarnell is one of the best radio announcers I have heard on Montreal radio in a long time. Sharmen is a total professional. She addresses interesting local and international topics, supports the local art community and is always informed about issues relevant to the Montreal area and beyond. Sharmen is an extremely welcoming hostess for guests visiting the studio on air; she has the knack of putting people at ease, drawing them out respectfully, has a terrific sense of humour and has her timing down. Montreal needs to hear more Sharmen Yarnell"

BARBARA RENEY, *Musician, Producer, Barbara Reney Productions*

"Sharman is a real professional with the type of dynamic personality which really makes you want to work with her. She is a talented interviewer and full of great ideas. I would recommend her for work in broadcasting, writing or public relations." October 21, 2011

MIKE COHEN, *Columnist, feature writer and blogger, The Suburban Newspaper.*

"Sharman's on-air work is the sound of a real pro. I've been listening to Sharman for quite a few years and she's been able to work in a variety of roles over that time on CJAD 800 Montreal. She's co-hosted the Trivia Show, been a traffic reporter, host of the entertainment show Showtime, and the Chris Robinson Travel Show. Four completely different kinds of programs that for most might sound awkward but, not for Sharman. She is without a doubt one of the more versatile radio personalities on the Montreal landscape.

BOB WELCH *Program Director/ WSTJ Radio" October 20, 2011. Chief Operator, Vermont Broadcast Associates/ WSTJ*

"Sharman Yarnell offers an "old-fashioned" dedication and commitment to excellence in a new-fashioned world. She is a dedicated member of the arts community herself and that passion is evident in everything she supports. I have organized many promotional radio campaigns for my clients over the years as a professional Publicist, and have had many opportunities to work with Sharman. Her radio show "Showtime" has played a tremendous role in supporting not only the arts in Montreal, but given the dozens of interviews she has conducted over the years, a much-appreciated member of the entertainment and travel industry. She is diligent, detail-focussed and follows through to ensure the project is a success. I look forward to many more opportunities to collaborate with her in the future."

CAROLYN FLOWER *Publicist & Promotion Specialist. Owner, Flower Communications Agency*