

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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# Howard J. Rose '77

Known for his signature “Put it in the book” declaration at the conclusion of every game they win, Howie Rose '77 has been the lead play-by-play voice on the radio for the Mets since 2006, taking over for legendary announcer Bob Murphy.

Howie began his Mets broadcasting career in 1987 as the host of the pre- and post-game radio show “Mets Extra,” which aired first on WHN, and later that summer upon its inception, WFAN. He eventually served as occasional play-by-play announcer on the radio working with Bob Murphy and Gary Cohen through the 1995 season.

In 1996, he moved to television as the play-by-play voice of the Mets on SportsChannel, which later became Fox Sports New York (FSNY) and then MSG Network, partnering with Ralph Kiner and Fran Healy. Howie continued in this role through 2003, while occasionally handling play-by-play duties on over-the-air telecasts on WB11 working with Kiner and Tom Seaver.

Upon Murphy's retirement in 2004, he moved full time into the radio booth working with Gary Cohen for the 2004 and 2005 seasons on WFAN. In 2006, he became the lead radio play-by-play announcer, first on WFAN, later on WOR, and currently on WCBS, the position he continues to hold today.

Before joining WFAN, the Queens native and Cardozo High School graduate was a sportscaster for WCBS Radio and the NBC Radio Network. He was also broadcaster for LIU basketball and soccer on WNYE-TV in 1986.

Howie began his radio career in 1977 as the Sports Director of WHN Radio in New York, a position he held through 1983, having broken into broadcasting as one of the original voices of SportsPhone in 1975.

Howie's career as an announcer has also extended to hockey. He worked as a play-by-play broadcaster for New York Rangers games on WFAN from 1989–1995, including their Stanley Cup Championship season of 1993–1994. He was



the play-by-play announcer for the New York Islanders on Fox Sports New York from 1995–2016. In 1997 and 2008, he was nominated for an Emmy Award for his work as a play-by-play broadcaster and, along with the entire FSNY crew, won a New York Emmy Award for their coverage of the Islanders 1998-1999 season. He won his second Emmy Award with the FSNY Islanders crew in March, 2004.

Entering his 51<sup>st</sup> year in broadcasting, Howie Rose has won many broadcasting awards, too many to list here. The most recent: In 2023, he was elected to the Mets Hall of Fame. And closer to home, in 2016 he received the Queens College Athletics Hall of Fame's Madden Award. Given annually, it recognizes an outstanding former student who excelled in athletics or contributed to the professional field of sports.

Widely recognized for his knowledge of Mets history, in 2013 Howie committed it to the printed page with the release of his book, *Put It in the Book: A Half-Century of Mets Mania*.

Howie lives in Florida and on Long Island with his wife, Barbara. They have two adult daughters, Alyssa and Chelsea. Alyssa has performed on the ABC soap opera “One Life to Live.”