

# KATIE BENNISON

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## Objective

- To help clients communicate their brand or message as a podcast host & voiceover professional.
- To coach clients in public speaking, building their confidence to deliver their own messages.

## Summary

- Thirty years of broadcast experience [CBC, CTV, News1130, Satellite Radio Network].
- Creator/Host of 'Life on the Spectrum' Podcast (nominated for Canadian Podcast Award).
- Delivered public speaking workshops in the West Vancouver School district and AutismBC.
- Creator and Director of 'Lights, Camera, Autism', a unique workshop for teens on the spectrum which teaches broadcasting skills as a fun way to practise social and communication skills. Received a grant from Telus and offered LCA in four Metro Vancouver School Districts.

## Work Experience

### **Podcast Creator and Host**

**Life on the Spectrum: The Autism Family Podcast** 2019 - Present

- Through shared experiences and heartfelt stories, this podcast gives a sense of belonging and reassurance to families living with autism, and educates and enlightens people in the wider community about autism.
- Nominated for Best Family Podcast at the 2020 Canadian Podcast Awards.
- <https://www.lifeonthespectrumpodcast.com>

### **Public Speaking Coach**

**West Vancouver School District and AutismBC** 2018 - Present

- Create and deliver classroom workshops to help students learn public speaking skills, overcome their fears, and gain confidence with school presentations, and life in general.
- By focusing on the Communication Competency, this workshop supports both the CLE10 Curriculum and the overall BC K-12 Curriculum.
- Received positive testimonials from both students and teachers.
- Delivered workshop to AutismBC staff, training them to host guest speaker seminars.
- [Public Speaking Workshop Brochure](#)

### **Voiceover Professional**

1988 - Present

- **Commercials:** Trail Appliances, Rogers Cable, Advanced Pain Relief Cream, Purdy's Chocolates, Mount Seymour, YVR, Vancouver Aquarium, Entice Breath Mints Jingle, Future Shop, Molson Indy, Neptune Theatre, Dairy Queen, Sony Music, World Wide Furniture
- **Animation:** Galactic Defense Force (Murmur Productions), Hulk Video Game (Vivendi Games), CSI Video Game (Radical Entertainment), Cloud Roamer Video Game (Moodyville Games)
- **Museum Installation:** The Falling (Presentation House/Polygon Gallery)
- **Corporate Narration:** Lightvision Media, BC Ferries, BC Lottery Corporation
- **Television:** Festival of the Irish Documentary, Station ID's, News Promos, Community Calendar, Christmas Telethon (ATV/ASN Halifax, Nova Scotia)
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## **Broadcasting & Public Relations**

- **Traffic, Weather Reporter for On The Coast / Early Edition**  
CBC Radio One, Vancouver, BC 2007 - 2018
- **Helicopter Traffic Reporter, Entertainment Reporter**  
Jack FM & News 1130 Radio, Vancouver, BC 2002 - 2004
- **National Manager, Media and Community Relations**  
Rogers Video Head Office, Richmond, BC 2000 - 2002
  - Overseeing and maintaining relationships with nonprofit organizations, developing community outreach initiatives, donations to BC Children's Hospital, Special Olympics.
- **Host, Program Producer**  
LightVision Media, Vancouver, BC 1998 - 2000
  - Developed content and programming for outdoor video screens at BC Ferry Terminals
  - Script writing, interviewing and reporting BC related stories
- **Morning Show Co-Host**  
96.5 SUN FM Radio, Halifax, Nova Scotia 1994 - 1995
  - Daily preparation and research of content for on air presentation.
  - Created and implemented radio contests.
  - Reviewed films and theatre

## **Educator**

- **Creator and Instructor**  
**'Lights, Camera, Autism' Workshop**  
Metro Vancouver School Districts, Pacific Autism Family Network 2018 - 2021
  - Teaching broadcast workshops for teens with autism to practise social skills in a supportive environment as Interview Hosts and Weather Reporters.
  - Presented in association with AutismBC and funded by Telus' Friendly Future Foundation.
  - <https://www.autismbc.ca/programs/lightscameraautism/>
- **Education Assistant**  
West Vancouver School District 2016 - Present
  - Supporting neurodiverse elementary and high school students in the classroom with academic courses, electives, executive functioning, self regulation, social and life skills.

## **Volunteering**

- **Public Speaking Coach and Awards Show Host**, AutismBC 2020
- **Mentor**, At Risk Youth with short film projects and PSA's, Frames Film Project 2014 - Present
- **Co-Director**, Summer Acting Camp, 'Let's Make a Movie', West Van Rec Centre 2014
- **Director/Instructor**, Theatre Improv Lunch Club, Ridgeview Elementary 2014

## **Education**

- Langara College, Education Assistant Program 2015-2016
- Broadcast Journalism Diploma, British Columbia Institute of Technology 1985-1986
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