

## LARRY KING BIO 2018

Larry King is a legendary, Peabody and Emmy award-winning broadcaster who has interviewed more than 50,000 people over the course of his 60-year career. In 2012, after 27 years at CNN, he partnered with Mexican businessman Carlos Slim to create Ora TV, a digital network and production company. King is currently the host of “*Larry King Now*” and “*PolitickING with Larry King*,” produced and distributed by Ora TV.

King started his career in 1957 as a disc jockey at WAHR (now WMBM) in Miami where he hosted two afternoon newscasts and a sportscast. In 1978, he hosted the first ever live national call-in radio show hosted by Mutual Radio, and became known for his conversational style of interviewing and diverse roster of newsmaking guests.

In June 1985, King was hired by Ted Turner and spent 25 years as host of CNN’s “*Larry King Live*.” King’s interviews made headlines – and sometimes history – with some of the biggest newsmakers in politics, business, entertainment, sports and religion. His high-profile interviews have included every president since Richard Nixon, hard-to-get conversations with Marlon Brando, Johnny Carson, Al Pacino, Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Elizabeth Taylor, Sophia Loren, Brad Pitt, and Angelina Jolie; and notable newsmakers like Hillary Clinton, Mikhail Gorbachev, Billy Graham, Audrey Hepburn, John F. Kennedy, Jr., Nancy Reagan and Oprah Winfrey. He’s interviewed world leaders from Yasser Arafat, King Hussein of Jordan, Gen. Colin Powell, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Michelle Obama, Iranian Pres. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and Shimon Peres.

In 1992, King won the Peabody Award for excellence in broadcasting. King also moderated the famed NAFTA debate between then-Vice President Al Gore and Ross Perot in 1993, which smashed cable industry ratings records at the time, reaching more than 16.3 million viewers.

He is the true pioneer of the media industry who changed the landscape of radio, cable, and television news. He’s also led the transition to the digital space by creating Ora TV, his digital network and production studio which is home to his online shows, the Emmy-nominated “*Larry King Now*” and “*PolitickING with Larry King*” which air daily on [www.ora.tv](http://www.ora.tv).

Currently in its sixth season, Emmy-nominated “*Larry King Now*” includes interviews with newsmakers and tastemakers like Oprah Winfrey, Celine Dion, His Holiness The Dalai Lama, Harrison Ford, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Morgan Freeman, and more. “*PolitickING with Larry King*” has featured prominent interviews with Vice President Dick Cheney, Democratic Presidential Candidate Bernie Sanders, Dr. Ben Carson, and more.

In October 2014, along with his wife Shawn, the two launched their weekly PodcastOne show ‘Back & Forth with Shawn and Larry King.’ The King’s have also recently released their own luxury home goods line ‘Sleep Like a King,’ which is available at [www.sleeplikeaking.com](http://www.sleeplikeaking.com).

King has been inducted into five of the nation’s leading broadcasting halls of fame and is the recipient of the prestigious Allen H. Neuharth Award for Excellence in Journalism. In September 2011, he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Emmy from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

In addition to his numerous broadcast credits and awards, King founded the Larry King Cardiac Foundation in 1988 which has raised more than \$15 million and provided life-saving cardiac procedures for more than 1500 people and provided 100,000 heart screenings for needy children and adults. King also established a \$1 million journalism scholarship at George Washington University’s School of Media and Affairs for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. King has been a recipient of honorary degrees from George Washington University, the New England Institute of Technology, Brooklyn College, the Pratt Institute, University of New York, Columbia School of Medicine, among others, and is an avid and respected baseball fan, regularly seen sitting behind home base at Los Angeles Dodger games. King has appeared in 29 movies and written 19 books.

He currently resides in Beverly Hills with his wife Shawn and two of his children, Chance (18) and Cannon (17).