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Ahmad Rashad

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Named Executive Producer of *NBA Inside Stuff* and NBA Entertainment-produced specials in March 1998, Emmy Award-winning sportscaster Ahmad Rashad has been the host of *NBA Inside Stuff* since the show's inception in 1990. He is also Executive Producer and host of *Ahmad Rashad One-On-One*, a celebrity talk show which airs on NBA TV.

A six-time Emmy nominee in five different categories, Rashad also brings his NBA expertise to the ESPN/ABC NBA team, providing lifestyle features and essays for both networks. He was in-studio for ABC Sports' NBA pre-game show and co-hosted the network's 2004 NBA Finals' pre-game show. In addition to the pre-game shows, Rashad's work appears on ESPN's SportsCenter, NBA 2Night, NBA FastBreak and other studio programming. Throughout the 2004 NBA Finals, Rashad hosted NBA TV: Live at the Finals. He has also hosted ABC's top-rated reality shows, *Celebrity Mole Hawaii* and *Celebrity Mole Yucatan*.

In addition to his current duties, Rashad had also worked with NBC Sports since 1983 where he joined the network as an NFL commentator and host for NBC's Sports World. Since that time, he had extended his duties to include studio hosting, feature reporting, analysis and commentary for a variety of sports and events. That included his extensive work on NBC's coverage of the NBA. Since 1990, when NBC had first begun televising the NBA, Rashad had been a key contributor for the network as a court-side reporter including work throughout the regular-season, the All-Star Game, the playoffs and Finals.

At the 1996 Games in Atlanta, he served as a weekend host and late night correspondent. In 1992, Rashad was one of the hosts of NBC's Olympic TripleCast from Barcelona, and in 1988, he served as a studio anchor during coverage of the Seoul Olympics. His efforts in Seoul later earned him an Emmy for writing.

After working on the NFL on NBC from 1983 to 1988 as a pre-game host, Rashad was moved to the booth in 1989 to serve as an analyst. In 1991, Rashad served as host of Notre Dame Saturday, as well as anchor to NBC Sports Update. Rashad also lent his talents as a commentator for various SportsWorld telecasts. In 1994, he moved back to the NFL on NBC studio as pre-game show co-host staying through the end of the 1997-98 season and Super Bowl XXXII.

A graduate of the University of Oregon, where he was a two-time All-American, Rashad was the 1995 Recipient of the University's Pioneer Award, the highest honor given to an alumni; and he serves on the Board of Trustees for the University of Oregon. Rashad also holds an honorary degree of Doctor of Journalism from the University of Puget Sound. An All-Pro, Rashad was a four-time Pro-Bowl selection for the NFL's Minnesota Vikings and was voted to the Vikings All-time 25th Anniversary Team and most recently the 40th Anniversary team. He is also the author of the best-seller *Rashad: Vikes, Mikes and Something on the Backside*.