Harry Porterfield



Harry Porterfield, one of the true statesmen of Chicago television, is known for his soft-spoken manner and terrific story telling.

For twenty-one years, Porterfield has introduced Chicagoans to *Someone You Should Know*. This acclaimed feature series has profiled the stories and achievements of more than 2,000 community residents who make a difference. He has done this in a personal, low-key style uniquely his own.

Someone You Should Know was awarded the distinguished Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Award. In addition, he has earned 10 Chicago Emmy Awards for reporting and features on Channel Two the People and Two on Two while at WBBM-TV. He received the first Outstanding Journalist Award given by the Chicago Association of Black Journalists; the Distinguished Service Award from the Gary, Indiana NAACP; the Distinguished Journalism Award from the Coalition for United Community Action; the Richard J. Daley Police Medal of Honor; the Media Fairness Award from Operation PUSH and countless other awards and citations.

In addition to a degree in chemistry from Eastern Michigan University, Harry earned his Doctor of Juris Prudence Degree from DePaul University.

A gifted violinist, Harry is a board member of the Jazz Institute of Chicago, an honorary board member of the Merit Music Program, and a member of the Chicago Bar Association Symphony Orchestra.

Following two decades as a reporter and news anchor at WBBM-TV, Harry moved to WLS-TV in 1985 where he is a featured reporter and substitute anchor. Each week he continues to introduce Chicago television viewers to *Someone You Should Know*.