



Ken HILDEBRANDT

Professional Announcer

Ken grew up around the Abbotsford Airport and the world-famous Abbotsford International Airshow. While working at his family's farm, he would often be caught looking up to the sky to catch a Cessna landing or the Air Cadets towing a glider up to altitude. As a little boy, he would sit on a wooden rail fence each August and watch in awe as amazing pilots, heroes to a young boy enraptured by the magic of flight, flew their airplanes through incredible loops and hammerheads at the annual airshow.

While he was certainly enthralled by the many amazing flying machines that roared over his head each summer, he was particularly interested in the people who announced the action over the loudspeakers, thinking they had an awesome gig. Thus began a 40+ year interest in airshow announcing.

Ken's first picked up the microphone under the expert tutelage of announcing mentors, Bob Singleton and Roy Hafeli, around 2005. Since then, he has had the privilege of announcing airshows across Canada and the western United States, both as one-half of H2A2 Airshow Announcers or as a solo announcer. Select shows he has announced at include Abbotsford, BC, Cold Lake, AB, Edmonton, AB, Fort St. John, BC, Greenwood, NS, Lethbridge, AB, London, ON, Madras, OR, Moose Jaw, SA, Paine Field, WA, Peace River, AB, Rocky Mountain House, AB, Salinas, CA, Tacoma, WA, Vancouver, BC (Celebration of Light) and Historic Flight Foundation - Vintage Aircraft Weekend, WA. Ken also has the great honour of being one of only a few civilian announcers to have narrated an official performance of the CAF Snowbirds.

A theatre-producer, director and actor by profession, Ken is the Executive/Artistic Director of Gallery 7 Theatre in his hometown of Abbotsford, BC. He obtained his private pilot's license in 2006, is a member of the International Council of Airshows (ICAS) and in 2022, was thrilled to be named an Honorary Snowbird.

Ken's love for airplanes & airshows, coupled with his experience as a private pilot and as an actor, director & producer, make him an ideal member of any airshow announcing team, providing airshow fans with informative and entertaining commentary that puts people right into the cockpit. His motto for announcing is "Entertain - Educate - Inspire".

Enjoy the show!

