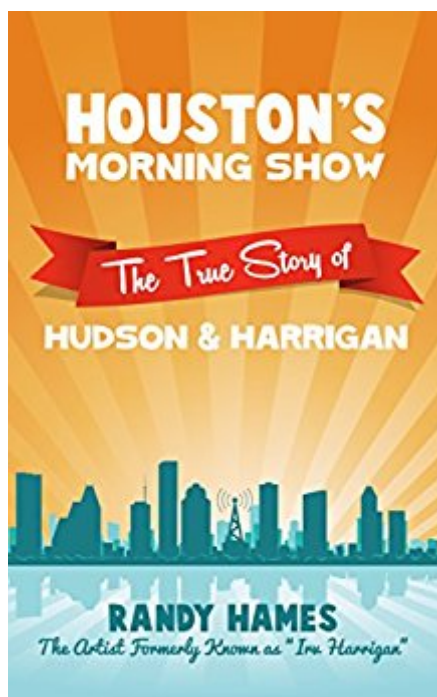


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Houston's Morning Show: The True Story Of Hudson & Harrigan



Synopsis

For more than forty years Mac Hudson and Irv Harrigan launched the workday for millions of Houstonians as the hosts of one of America's longest-running, most successful comedy morning shows at the legendary and award-winning KILT Radio. The Hudson & Harrigan Show aired continuously from 1967 until 2010, in which time it became a bona fide Houston institution. Randy Hames (as Irv Harrigan) co-hosted the last 30 years of the show's run with his on-air partner and life-long friend Fred Olson (Mac Hudson), and together they forged a new format and broke new ground as an early-morning comedy team, with unprecedented tenure and ratings success. Over the decades, much misinformation has been written and circulated about how the behind-the-microphone title characters changed and the format was modified, so Hames has meticulously researched the show's history through endless conversations with its principal players. Houston's Morning Show carefully chronicles the program's wild and sometimes wacky twists and turns with wit and accuracy, and it pulls back the curtain so readers can experience for themselves the demands and rewards of anchoring a blockbuster, major-market team show. From local Texas ownership to CBS, from the fictional Jim Bob Jumpback to Tyrone Tyrone, from the original Hudson and Harrigan to the final duo, Hames painstakingly recounts the evolution of one of the most hilarious, iconic and award-winning morning team shows in broadcasting history. A must read for fans and industry insiders alike, Houston's Morning Show is a one-of-a-kind, firsthand, fanciful romp through radio's heyday.

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If you work in radio, and especially, if you lived in Houston during any of the 40 some odd years this show was on the air, You must read this book. Randy Hames does an excellent job of telling the true story of this show. I had heard bits and pieces through the years, but Randy actually interviewed the players, so he got it from the horses mouth. This is a great book!

Hames has done a masterful and painstaking job of tracking down one of the most interesting stories in the history of American radio. I know this because I was his partner for 30 plus years and he found things that I didn't even know about. Texas gave birth to Top 40 radio and KILT in Houston was part of that legacy. We were blessed to have probably the longest running morning show in history. What a wonderful ride it was.

Just finished Houston's Morning Show: The True Story of Hudson & Harrigan. Great read, especially if you grew up in Houston during the last 35 years. Being a native Houstonian, I enjoyed the trip down memory lane as told by Randy Hames. Good stories and good laughs throughout the book. Love the way Hudson(Fred Olson) & Harrigan(Randy Hames) made fun of everybody, especially the politicians!

A great book from a long-time radio star. I especially loved the parts about Fort Worth, TX, where I grew up. This book is a great read for anyone who wants to know about the skills that go into producing a daily morning talk show, and the talented artists like Randy Hames who keep us happy and laughing.

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