

LA KINGS' JIM FOX USING SCSB HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AS "MOTIVATION" MOVING FORWARD

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Former Los Angeles Kings right wing and current television color commentator Jim Fox. (Photo: David Sheehan/CaliShooterOne Photography, courtesy of www.frozenroyalty.net)

When they decided to separate their simulcast in 1990, the **Los Angeles Kings** needed a color analyst for the television feed after **Nick Nickson** became the radio voice for the team. It didn't take long for the club to find **Jim Fox**, who had just finished his nine-year playing career with the Kings. Alongside the legendary **Bob Miller**, the former Kings forward was able to make the transition from the ice into the broadcast booth and now, 25 years later, fans of the silver-and-black can reminisce about, in addition to being an active member in the community, Fox's storied broadcasting career — which will earn him induction into the **Southern California Sports Broadcasters Hall of Fame**.

This past week, I asked the longtime member of the Kings' family what the SCSB induction meant to him.

"I feel so fortunate to be part of this impressive group of professionals," Fox told me. "I don't know of any other group that loves their jobs more than the people I have met at the SCSB and that love is easy to see when you watch how hard everyone works at their job."

Last October, Fox told me that his transition into the broadcast booth wasn't quite as smooth as many would have thought. After all, it is hard to imagine there was any difficult for Fox given how great he has been as the Kings' TV analyst all these years, but there was.

"When I went into broadcasting it was a very difficult transition for me," Fox told me then. "I was learning on the job and for the first two or three years, I felt that I was embarrassing myself every game. There were some games that I didn't even know the final score because I was so overwhelmed with the technical aspects."

With some perseverance and help from Bob Miller, Jim Fox was able to make the most of his early struggles behind the microphone, learning to take pride in his work — a lesson taught by Miller — before transitioning himself into one of the most successful and most respected voices in hockey.

I am grateful to so many different people who stayed with me through some very challenging times when I was first starting out," Fox continued. "And as I look back I am so glad that everyone was so patient with me.

"I am very proud to join the SCSB Hall-of-Fame and I feel this honor not only allows me to look back at the many years I have been in the broadcast booth, but also to use this as motivation as I move forward."

Fox's induction into the SCSB Hall of Fame will make him the fifth representative of the Kings, past or present, to be inducted.

Fox's broadcasting partner, the aforementioned Bob Miller, was inducted in 2002 while Nick Nickson is a 2009 inductee. In addition, former Kings reporters **Stu Nahan** (2001) and **Rich Marotta** (2011) are also in the SCSB Hall of Fame. The SCSB also includes legendary voice of the **Los Angeles Dodgers, Vin Scully**, the late voice of the **NBA's Lakers**, Chick Hearn, **Keith Jackson** and Dodger great — and **Baseball Hall-of-Famer Don Drysdale**. Along with Fox, the 2016 class includes **Rob Fukuzaki** and the late **Joe McDonnell**.

His broadcasting career, however, is not the only aspect of Jim Fox's heightened popularity within the Kings community. In fact, the native of Coniston, Ont., plays an integral role in the community.

This past weekend, Fox held his fifth annual **Sunset Sip**, which was held this year at the **Museum of Latin American Art**.

A summer highlight for Kings fans since its inception in 2011, the Sunset Sip has garnered a plethora of LA Kings alumni while holding wine-tasting contests and silent auctions.

For more on Sunset Sip, be sure to read **Charles Smith, Jr.**'s tremendous coverage of the event by clicking [here](#), or log onto www.axs.com.

As for the SCSB Hall of Fame induction, it will take place on January 25, 2016, highlighting Jim Fox's wonderful career in the broadcasting booth.

Here's to 25 years, and to many more.

Congratulations, Jim Fox.