

## Gary Cogill

Gary Cogill is an award-winning film critic for WFAA-TV. He is a three-time Katie Award winner and has worked in the Channel 8 news department for more than 16 years. Gary is also a consistent contributor to Good Morning Texas as well as Texas Cable News.

Gary has been interviewing actors, writers and directors since the mid-1980s and is a nationally recognized film critic. "When you sit in a room with Robin Williams, you better be ready," Gary said. "He always makes fun of what I wear, and if you push the right button, he'll fly around the room."

His work has appeared in numerous television markets around the United States, and Gary has appeared on the cable movie channel American Movie Classics.

"I have seen Steve McQueen drive backward in *The Blob*, more than 50 times, and I sat through *Lawrence Of Arabia* by myself four nights in a row as a 10-year-old. That should tell you a lot about me," Gary said.

In 1996, Gary co-hosted a popular morning TV show in Seattle called 7 Live. "I was lucky enough to fly with The Blue Angels and not throw up. I also appeared on stage with Stacy Keach in *An Inspector Calls*," Gary said. "Don't get excited, I was an extra."

Gary is also a nationally recognized radio personality. In 1997, he co-hosted the popular syndicated morning radio show *Daybreak USA*, heard in more than 200 markets in the United States and Canada.

During the 1990s, Gary was heard on a daily basis on the nationally syndicated radio show *USA Overnight*.

Gary spent two years hosting his own live radio call-in talk show on 570 KLIF, Talk Radio in Dallas, discussing everything from politics to religion to movies. On Wednesday nights, his "Story Time" on KLIF became a North Texas favorite as Gary would read stories to children while their parents tucked them into bed.

Gary is also a popular voice actor, providing hundreds of voices for radio and TV commercials. His clients have included McDonalds, Coca-Cola and American Airlines. "I do a mean Kermit The Frog," Gary said.

Gary's film column appeared for two years in *The Fort Worth Press*, and he was a feature writer and columnist for *Best Choice* video magazine, with a monthly circulation of 250,000.

During the 1980s, Gary wrote, produced and directed hundreds of TV commercials while writing advertising copy, short films and documentaries.

Gary was born in Portland a child of the 1950s and 1960s, and he continues to be a lover of all things outdoors. He is a devoted trout fisherman, a White Rock lake jogger, a theatergoer, concertgoer, and is passionate about cooking and baseball.

"I even read attendance figures every day, and when I cook Italian food, I play the soundtrack to *Big Night* as loud as I can," Gary said.

His love for life and film is only surpassed by his love for his two daughters.