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Guy Raz

National Public Radio
Radio and Podcast Host

Guy Raz is the prolific host, creator, and editorial director of three NPR podcasts, including two of its most popular ones: TED Radio Hour and How I Built This. Both are massive hits, heard by more than 14 million people each month around the world. He is also the creator and co-host of the largest kid's podcast, Wow In The World. In 2017, Raz became the first person in the history of podcasting to have three shows in the top 20 on the Apple Podcast charts.

Previously, Guy was weekend host of NPR News' signature afternoon newsmagazine All Things Considered. Guy was named host of that program in July 2009. During his tenure, Guy transformed the sound and format of the program, introducing the now-signature "cover story" and creating the popular "Three-Minute Fiction" writing contest. He also created a weekly podcast of the show—the first time an NPR newsmagazine became a podcast.

Guy joined NPR in 1997 as an intern for All Things Considered and has worked virtually every job in the newsroom from temporary production assistant to breaking news anchor. His first job was the assistant to NPR's legendary news analyst Daniel Schorr.

In 2000, at the age of 25, Guy was made NPR's Berlin bureau chief where he covered Eastern Europe and the Balkans. During his six years abroad, Guy covered everything from wars and conflict zones to sports and entertainment. He reported from more than 40 countries including the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Macedonia and the ongoing conflict in Israel and the Palestinian territories.

He served as NPR's bureau chief in London and for a brief, 2-year stint left NPR to work as CNN's Jerusalem correspondent chronicling everything from the rise of Hamas as a political power to the incapacitation of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Israel's 2005 withdrawal from the Gaza Strip. Two years later Guy returned to NPR to serve as defense correspondent where he covered the Pentagon and the US military.

For his reporting from Iraq, Guy was awarded both the Edward R. Murrow Award and the Daniel Schorr Journalism prize. His reporting has contributed to two duPont awards and one Peabody awarded to NPR. He's been a finalist for the Livingston Award four times. He's won the National Headliner Award and an NABJ award in addition to many others. In 2008, he spent a year as a Nieman journalism fellow at Harvard University where he studied classical history.



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As a host and correspondent, Guy has interviewed and profiled more than 6000 people including Christopher Hitchens, Condoleezza Rice, Jimmy Carter, Shimon Peres, General David Petraeus, Al Gore, Mark Zuckerberg, Bill Gates, Eminem, Taylor Swift and many others.

Guy has anchored live coverage on some of the biggest stories in recent years including the killing of Osama bin Laden, the Newtown School Shootings and the 2012 Presidential election.

Most importantly, Guy is a father. He's performed in DC children's theater as the narrator in "Cat in the Hat" and helped design the local playground in his neighborhood. Guy is also known as the "Cokie Roberts for the 4-8-year-old crowd" as the news analyst for the Breakfast Blast Newscast on Kids Place Live on SiriusXM radio. You can catch his updates each Friday morning.

He has also served as a Ferris professor of journalism at Princeton University and taught journalism at Georgetown and George Washington Universities.