

Margherita Taylor

Heart FM DJ (formerly at London's Capital Radio 95.8)

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About

Margherita Taylor is one of the best loved faces and voices on British radio and TV, a multitalented presenter able to cover everything from political and cultural issues to what's hot in the pop music scene. In 2012, after nearly two decades at London's Capital Radio, she moved next door to Heart FM. She will also continue with her weekday Smooth Classics show on Classic FM, as well as co-hosting the Classic FM Live concerts with John Suchet.

A versatile presenter, Margherita was chosen to host the official live announcement of London's successful bid for the 2012 Olympic Games and presenting a mini-series for Radio 2 about the history and heritage of Calypso music, she hosted coverage of Live8 from Rome on behalf of all of the independent commercial radio networks and was a judge on the panel for the Mercury Music Prize.

One of the most interesting assignments for Margherita was being personally requested by former Prime Minister Tony Blair to interview him, which led to her co-hosting UK Leaders Live, a unique 90-minute Q&A session with all three major political party leaders, again broadcast across all commercial radio networks. She is also heavily involved in the charities The Prince's Trust and Help A London Child. As an Ambassador for The Prince's Trust, Margherita has hosted Capital Radio's Party In The Park for the past seven years.

After majoring in video production for a degree in Media and Communication from the University of Central England, Margherita began her career in broadcasting after winning a 'Search For A Star' competition organised by BRMB in Birmingham. So impressed were the producers that within a week Margherita was presenting her own show for the station and it was from there that she was headhunted by London's flagship commercial station Capital Radio.

Margherita Taylor started her television presenting career by hosting such shows as ITV's junior version of Gladiators, Train To Win, BBC2's The Ozone and Heartland for Central Television (a mixture of celebrity interviews and music). Margherita was also a reporter during the final series of The Clothes Show – a job she had dreamed of since she was at school – and hosted segments for the BBC2 property show All The Right Moves. As a regular presenter for BBC1's Electric Circus, Margherita interviewed a wide selection of celebrities including Will Smith, Bjork, Robbie Williams and Stevie Wonder.

Margherita then moved on to present the channel's cult prime time show for young people, T4 Sunday, for three years (1999-2002), originally alongside Dermot O'Leary, and then with Vernon Kay. This led to the pair hosting the Smash Hits T4 Poll Winners Party together for Channel 4 in December 2001, just a few weeks after Margherita hosted the channel's coverage of the MTV Europe Music Awards with both a late night special and a behind the scenes show.

Travelling is a real passion and Margherita Taylor has had adventures on a road trip across the USA, swam in the Blue Lagoon in Iceland, climbed Ayres Rock in Australia, skydived in Los Angeles and shared a meal with monks at a monastery in Hong Kong.

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