

Named as one of Television Week's 10 Most Bankable Stars in Syndication, Nancy O'Dell serves as the co-anchor of *Access Hollywood*, the daily entertainment newsmagazine currently in its 12th season of providing the most comprehensive coverage of entertainment news and personalities on television. She was part of *Access Hollywood's* on-air team when the show launched in 1996, serving as weekend co-anchor and weekday correspondent. In January 1999, O'Dell was promoted to co-anchor and has since earned a reputation as one of Hollywood's leading entertainment journalists.

In addition to her on-air duties at *Access Hollywood*, O'Dell has contributed reports to both NBC News's "Today" show and "Dateline." Beyond covering events such as The

Oscars, The Emmys, The Grammys and The Golden Globe Awards, O'Dell has also hosted the national Golden Globes Arrivals Special for NBC since 2000 and The Emmys Pre-Show for Fox (1999), ABC (2000) and NBC (2006). A member of the Academy of Country Music, she was the original host and consulting producer of USA Network's "Nashville Star," a nationwide search for the next great country music artist. In addition, O'Dell has been a co-host for NBC's network coverage of the Tournament of Roses Parade since 2000. In 2003 and 2004 she co-hosted ESPN's ESPY Awards Red Carpet Show. In 2004 she also co-hosted NBC's broadcast of Christmas in Rockefeller Center. Since 2004, O'Dell has co-hosted the Miss USA Pageant for NBC and co-hosted Miss Universe for the network in 2005 and 2006. Additionally, O'Dell co-hosted the Hollywood Christmas Parade in 1999, 2000 and 2002.

An award-winning journalist, O'Dell has been honored with three Associated Press Awards, two Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Awards, and is a seven-time Emmy Award nominee. In addition, she was nominated two years in a row (1999 and 2000) for the ICG Publicists Guild Press Award, recognizing excellence in entertainment reporting.

O'Dell began her broadcast career as a reporter and anchor at WPDE-TV in Myrtle Beach, S.C. She later worked as morning news anchor and crime reporter at WCBD-TV in Charleston, S.C. Before joining *Access Hollywood*, she served as co-anchor and investigative reporter for NBC's Miami station, WTVJ-TV.

Although O'Dell maintains a busy work schedule, she regularly makes time for philanthropic endeavors. In February 2002, she was inducted into the American Red Cross's National Celebrity Cabinet, and she also serves as a national spokesperson for the March of Dimes. In addition, she acts as an international board member for Best Buddies, a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities. In June 2002, Best Buddies honored O'Dell with the organization's Spirit of Leadership Award. This honor has previously been bestowed upon Muhammad Ali, Maria Shriver and Olympian Carl Lewis. O'Dell also serves as a Celebrity Ambassador for Childhelp, an organization committed to meeting the needs of abused and neglected children.

A native of South Carolina, O'Dell received a great honor when that state's governor declared Feb. 1, 2006 Nancy O'Dell Day in the entire state. Additionally, she was inducted into South Carolina's Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame in 1998 as the youngest member ever in recognition of her journalistic success. O'Dell is a summa cum laude honors graduate of Clemson University.

She resides in the Los Angeles area with her husband, Keith Zubchevich, vice president of business development for Riverbed Technology, their daughter, Ashby, and two stepsons from Keith's first marriage, Tyler and Carson.