

## PÉNÉLOPE MCQUADE

Broadcaster Pénélope McQuade was born in Quebec City in 1970. A Communications graduate with a major in Journalism from the Université du Québec à Montréal, she has always been passionate about this field of work. She began her television career in 1993, on the Radio-Québec network, as a contributor to the show *Services compris*. From 1994 to 2005, she was involved in a variety of programs, including *Bla Bla Bla*, *Automag Plus* (in French on TVA and in English on CTV), *Bon dimanche*, *Salut, bonjour*—for which she was the cultural reporter for five years—, *Les copines d'abord*, *Maison de rêve*, and *Le Grand Journal* with Jean Lapierre. She was also nominated for Gémeaux Awards in the Best Presenter category for the shows *Cyberclub* (TVA) and *Passep'art* (TV5).

At the same time, she also made her mark in radio at CKAC, Rythme FM, Énergie, and Rock Détente, where she co-hosted the morning show for two years. Pénélope McQuade has also contributed to various publications, such as *Clin d'œil*, and has been involved in large-scale corporate events: Microsoft International Gala, Formula 1 Grand Bal, National Bank, Jean Coutu, UQAM Recognition Award Gala, Assises du tourisme du Québec, Desjardins Financial Security, Nissan, etc.

From 2005 to 2008, Pénélope McQuade helmed the show *Star système* with Herby Moreau, walking the red carpet the world over. She also co-hosted several *Gala Artis* galas and red carpet events, in addition to heading up the *Juste pour rire en direct* shows from 2006 to 2010, and *Salut, bonjour week-end* on TVA from 2007 to 2010.

Since April 2011, she has hosted an eponymous talk show on the ICI Radio-Canada Télé network. The show has frequently been nominated for Gémeaux Awards in the Best Talk Show and Best Host categories.

In March 2015, Pénélope McQuade will co-host the 17<sup>th</sup> Soirée des Jutra on ICI Radio-Canada Télé—her second time hosting the event.

She has also been involved with various organizations—such as Le Chaînon, Montreal Museums Day, and Le Grand Chemin Foundation—for close to ten years.