



Mike “Wally” Walczewski has been the arena voice of the New York Knicks at Madison Square Garden since 1989, welcoming millions of fans to “The World’s Most Famous Arena”. He also has served as the Public Address Announcer of the WNBA’s New York Liberty since their inception in 1997 as well as many marquee college basketball games at the Garden, including the 2014 NCAA Tournament East Regional Finals. Walczewski has also announced five basketball All-Star games, two for the NBA (most recently in 2015) and three for the WNBA. In his 26 year MSG career, Mike has announced at over 1,500 Garden sporting events. However, it is his work with the Knicks that he’s most closely associated with, having announced countless memorable games at The Garden during his tenure, including two NBA finals appearances in 1994 and 1999. His signature player call was his staccato intonation of Knicks great Patrick Ewing, and, more recently, he is known and imitated for his soft, elongated call of “oooooooooone shot”, when a player takes one free throw after scoring a basket. In 2014, Walczewski was honored by the Knicks for 25 years of service.

Walczewski’s professional credits also include voice work in television (including *30 Rock & Sex and the City*, the movies (including the 1995 Billy Crystal film *Forget Paris*) and in the Broadway Production of *Magic/Bird*. In addition, he has voiced television and radio commercials for Dr. Pepper, Kia and Lexus, among others.

A Queens, New York native and graduate of Fordham University, Walczewski served as Sports Director of their radio station, WFUV for two years. WFUV has produced many notable sports announcers and broadcasters over the years, dating back to the legendary Vin Scully. His media career began as an Announcer, and ultimately Sports Director of Sports Phone, the minute-long telephone sports score and news program, which was immensely popular in the 1980’s. Walczewski was known to a dedicated legion of Sports Phone callers as “King Wally”. During this period, he also freelanced as a sports radio correspondent for several national outlets, including the CBS Radio Network, AP and UPI. He also was PA announcer for Fordham University the Westchester Golden Apples of the USBL. He also authored a mass-market paperback, *King Wally’s Olympic Fun Fact Book* in 1988.

Walczewski also continues to make appearance at many private events, as he adds his unique announcing skills to the proceedings. For information on having Mike become a part of your event, see the [contact page](#).