



TORCHBEARER FEATURE

Mary Carillo

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Torchbearer Story:

Mary Carillo is an American sportscaster and a true veteran of the Olympic Games, getting set for her 10th Olympic assignment and seventh with NBC. Mary has been a mainstay on NBC's Olympic coverage, reporting on everything from skiing to skeleton.

Carillo was also a successful professional tennis player, having won the French Open mixed doubles title with John McEnroe in 1977. They also reached the quarterfinals of Wimbledon that same year.

In May 2003, Carillo joined NBC Sports as an analyst for the French Open and Wimbledon, teaming once again with John McEnroe and play-by-play commentator Ted Robinson. She made her NBC broadcast debut as an analyst for the 1996 Family Circle Magazine Cup tennis event.

Carillo has also provided commentary and analysis for numerous other networks. Her candid and insightful commentary has earned her accolades throughout the industry, including the distinction of being called "the sport's top analyst" by *Sports Illustrated*. Her other awards include a Peabody, one of the highest honours in television and a Sports Emmy. She has also twice been named Broadcaster of the Year by the Women's Tennis Association.

Carillo is carrying the Olympic Flame as part of the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay International Media Program, developed by VANOC in collaboration with the Canadian Tourism Commission, to spread the excitement and share the Olympic spirit with media and fans around the world.

Did You Know?

- Adding film star to her resume, Carillo appeared in the 2004 movie, *Wimbledon*, as herself.
- Carillo has co-written two books—*Tennis My Way* with Martina Navratilova and Rick Elstein's *Tennis Kinetics*.
- During the 2002 Winter Games, Carillo's comment that men's doubles luge is "like a bar bet gone bad" was recognized as "line of the year" in many sports television columns.