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Bob Rathbun

Bob Rathbun is entering his 24th season as the play-by-play television voice for the Atlanta Hawks in 2018. Rathbun has earned ten Southeastern Regional Emmys from the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS).

Bob began his career at the age of 12 when he broadcast a half-inning of an American Legion baseball game. Since that evening at Newman Park in Salisbury, North Carolina, Bob has gone on to become one of the most respected and popular sports broadcasters in the country.

Annually, Bob broadcasts well over 100 games and events. He is the signature voice for Fox Sports South, handling the networks' play-by-play responsibilities for the Atlanta Hawks. He also announces numerous college football, basketball, and baseball games for various television networks.

An eight-time state sportscaster of the year in Virginia and Georgia, Bob served as the play-by-play voice for the Atlanta Braves from 1997 – 2006. In April, 2006, Bob was named to the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame after graduating from the school in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts in Speech. In 2007, he was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

In 2004, Bob expanded his work into the realms of motivation, leadership, and team building, when he joined John Maxwell's Maximum Impact Speakers Bureau as a host and speaker. Bob is also a past host of Nightingale-Conant's Success Streams audio series. Bob's experience as an announcer and interviewer make him an outstanding keynote speaker and lecturer.

Hired in August of 2004 to spearhead the Atlanta Hawks Speaker's Bureau, Bob works on increasing the profile of the Atlanta Hawks properties — Hawks and Philips Arena — through speaking engagements with civic, community, religious and other local groups.