

## Phil Taitt

**ANCHOR/REPORTER**

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Emmy Award-winning reporter Phil Taitt wakes up with the city each weekday as morning reporter for Eyewitness News. Prior to joining WABC, he anchored weekend evening newscasts at NEWS12 and reported nightside and on breaking news in the city. As a journalist, he strives to be out front and at the epicenter of important events and issues that matter to New Yorkers, with reports that are memorable and meaningful. Topics he's highlighted include gun violence, housing, politics, and social justice. Hitting the streets of his hometown, Phil is Brooklyn-bred with both Caribbean and British roots.

Memorable reports of his include days-long coverage of the social unrest following the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. He also led highly watched political coverage of the NYC Primary of Mayor Eric Adams, and the historic election of Vanessa L Gibson, the first woman to represent the Bronx as Borough President. Also, during one of the city's darkest hours, the Twin Parks tragedy, a fire that claimed the lives of 17 New Yorkers, Phil helmed several hours of live coverage, keeping New Yorkers informed.

One of Taitt's proudest works was his Emmy Award-winning 30-minute half-hour special, Next Generation Dreams. The Black History Month piece, filmed in Atlanta, Georgia, was an exclusive conversation with the family of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At the King home, Taitt talked with Martin Luther King III, Arndrea King, and their daughter Yolanda about voting rights, critical race theory, and their hopes for the future, in aiming to fulfill Dr. King's dream.

Phil graduated from St. Francis College with a bachelor's degree in communications - public relations and advertising. He interned at FOX 5 Good Day New York and Spectrum NY1 and has worked for other media outlets.

Phil is a proud member of the National Association of Black Journalists. When he isn't reporting, you can catch him serving his community through his local non-profit, which aims to give access and opportunity to young people, by engaging with today's leaders.

