



JOHN KUCKO, EMCEE

John worked in local television for 37 years—mostly as a TV sports anchor. He covered the Buffalo Bills for 30 years, as well as 19 Super Bowl games, providing coverage to dozens of Nester Media-owned stations across America for many of those games. He has been based out of the Rochester area since 1989. In 2016, John pursued his new passion which was digital photography. He left the television life to focus on his John Kucko Digital Facebook page—which has 615,000 followers. John focuses the bulk of his effort on showcasing the beauty and history across New York State—The Erie Canal is a major part of that.

John has offered in-depth documentation of the Erie Canal on his Facebook page, John Kucko Digital. Most recently he chronicled the footbridge last summer, being transported on barges the length of the Canal, from Albany to Buffalo. John showcased the move from Little Falls to Lockport. He also did this a few years earlier with the Genesee Brewery beer tanks. John is well known for his passion regarding the Erie Canal and spends considerable time promoting the communities along the way.

"It is a tremendous honor to serve as emcee for such a global event, especially in the bicentennial year of our beloved Erie Canal. This historic waterway was integral in the growth of SO many hamlets, towns, villages and cities between Albany and Buffalo and beyond. The Canal represents Americana at its very best and I cannot wait for the WCC next September."