

Howard Stern - follow Howard on Twitter

December 15, 2011. "King of all Media" Howard Stern announced on his Sirius XM radio program Howard 100 that a deal was sealed for Howard to join "America's Got Talent." Stern would join as judge replacing Piers Morgan. "I'm going to be Piers on steroids" says Stern. Howard has tremendous clout as the entire show will be uprooted from the West Coast and move to New York where Howard resides.

To fans of Howard's radio show, this should be no surprise as it was a persistent hot topic for Howard over the last several weeks. Howard known for his raw honesty, quick wit, probing and candid interviews and raunchy, sexually charged antics, chatted openly with his radio fans about his desire to be a serious judge and the public controversy of a "shock jock" on AGT. Howard himself polled random people in NY about the prospect of Howard judging on AGT and played back the public reaction "Howard's vulgar!" It was not by accident that Howard invited

Sharon Osbourne, co-host of "America's Got Talent," and the cast of "The Talk" to his radio show with discussion rounding to Howard being a "terrific judge" on AGT.

After the announcement, Howard invited callers to comment and extend their congratulations. One caller asked if the radio show will be dominated with Howard discussing AGT. Howard responded to paraphrase *"Maybe, I don't know. If I feel like talking about it, that's what I'll talk about"* . Howard's dog called in to to bark an endearing kudos to his master. Fans can follow Howard Stern on twitter for his latest tweets on his new network TV spot and whatever else is on the mind of the most successful and funniest media host on the planet.

OFC has one question for Howard: Will his new found hobby and passion for photography find its way to concert photography on "America's Got Talent"?

NEW YORK (AP) -- Howard Stern will be joining the judges' panel on "America's Got Talent," and the NBC summer talent show will uproot itself from Los Angeles to accommodate the New York-based shock jock, the network said Thursday.

NBC confirmed weeks-old rumors of Stern's selection to join fellow "Talent" judges Howie Mandel and Sharon Osbourne. Nick Cannon remains host.

Stern, whose daily radio show airs on Sirius XM, is replacing Piers Morgan, who left "Talent" after last season to free up his busy schedule. Last winter, Morgan launched a weeknight interview program on CNN.

"Howard Stern's larger-than-life personality will bring a thrilling new dynamic to `America's Got Talent' starting this summer," said Paul Telegdy, NBC's president of alternative and late night programming. "He's a proven innovator and his track record in broadcasting is truly

remarkable."

The Parents Television Council, a watchdog group, wasted no time condemning NBC's choice on Thursday.

Its president, Tim Winter, called hiring Stern "an act of desperation for a flailing network," and slammed Stern as "a performer who is synonymous with shock, profanity and obscenity."

"Talent" bills itself as TV's only such competition show that is open to any age and any talent. Auditions for season seven began in October in major cities nationwide. But now, with Stern aboard, production of the live broadcast of the show will relocate to New York.

Stern, who in 2005 took his long-running syndicated show from terrestrial radio to Sirius XM, signed a new five-year contract with the satellite-radio company a year ago after months of stormy negotiations.