

Tess Vigeland named new host of American Public Media's Marketplace Money

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Veteran public radio reporter and host Tess Vigeland is the new host of Marketplace Money(R), the weekend personal finance program produced and distributed by American Public Media(TM). Vigeland's first broadcast as host is scheduled for Saturday, March 3. Kai Ryssdal, who previously held the role, will remain as weeknight host of Marketplace(R), public radio's award-winning daily magazine on business and economics news.

Marketplace Money extends the sound of Marketplace to the weekends as the "money show for the rest of us." The weekly, hour-long program reflects the smart, witty sound of Marketplace with a look at the myriad of ways money affects us, from the cultural connotations of currency to the cost of college. Marketplace Money is found on the Web at <http://www.marketplace.org/>.

"Listeners loved Tess when she hosted the Marketplace Morning Report," said JJ Yore executive producer of Marketplace and vice president of programming at American Public Media. "Marketplace Money will give her an even greater opportunity to display her range, talent and knowledge of all things money."

Vigeland is a familiar voice to Marketplace and Marketplace Money listeners. She's a longtime public radio veteran, both as a reporter and host. For more than three years, she hosted the Marketplace Morning Report. Since then, she's served as host, reporter, editor and producer for all Marketplace programs. Prior to joining the team at Marketplace, Vigeland reported and anchored for WBUR radio in Boston and Oregon Public Broadcasting radio and television in Portland. She's covered numerous national and international stories, including the Northern Ireland peace talks in Belfast, the New England mob trials and the separate but tandem scandals around former U.S. Senator Bob Packwood and figure skater Tonya Harding. She served as Bill Littlefield's backup host on NPR's weekly sports program Only A Game. Vigeland has earned numerous awards in her reporting career, including five Associated Press awards and three from the Society of Professional Journalists. For her coverage of the Packwood scandal, she received a Corporation for Public Broadcasting Silver Award.

"I've always been a big fan of Marketplace Money, and I'm thrilled to be warming the host seat," said Vigeland. "The show has grown like a well-managed retirement fund over the last couple of years and I look forward to continuing that trend. In five years with Marketplace, I've reported on all aspects of business and economic stories ... now it gets personal."

"Tess is one of the signature voices here at Marketplace," said Ryssdal. "I couldn't be happier that she's the new host of Marketplace Money. She's a great fit for the program."

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