

OFM says goodbye to stalwart presenters

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At the end of March, OFM will say goodbye to three of its top presenters, who have decided to pursue different careers.

Christie Hansen, who has been with the station for 17 years, will leave OFM at the end of March 2015.



Hansen has decided to retire from commercial radio to pursue his business affairs. He will, however, continue to be part of the Grain SA radio team during the Nampo Harvest Day in May. He will also work with OFM on another exciting project later this year.

Christie is currently the host of the popular early morning programme, Before Dawn, between 04:00 and 06:00. He also presents the Hansen Saturday show on Saturdays between 09:00 and 13:00.

"His amazing ability to adapt to any audience has made him a huge asset to the company. He has also amassed a loyal following, especially among our older listeners, who no doubt will miss him," says Nick Efstathiou, General Manager.

Miss Weekend, Mardi Delport, has also decided to focus on her career at the Central University of Technology. Mardi has woken up central South Africa on the weekend since 2003. She presents the weekend breakfast shows on Saturday and Sunday from 6:00 to 09:00.

"It was an incredible privilege to be part of the OFM team for eleven years. I will definitely miss my weekends on air with central South Africa - all the phone calls and messages from listeners across the region. Radio brings one into contact with many interesting people with different personalities and interests. It allows you to learn a lot about people, life and yourself. The most important lesson I was taught by radio, was to talk less and listen more."

Finally, the much-loved Johnné van Huyssteen has decided to move to Johannesburg to pursue his career in radio and television. Johnné only joined the station in 2011, but has amassed a loyal following and has proven to be extremely popular with listeners.

Says Johnné: "After an unplanned career in music, television and magazines, OFM opened a radio door for me four years ago. I think back with shaking hands to the first shows, and after fantastic mentorship and guidance, I can say with confidence that radio is in my blood. I will miss the dynamic team and every OFM listener immensely. Thank you for lending me your ears."

According to Efstathiou, all these presenters will be sorely missed. "Christie and Mardi especially have given OFM years of service, dedication and commitment and for that we are extremely grateful. Johnné has equally been an integral part of OFM's development and growth over the past few years and has added immense value to our product offering. We wish these presenters all the best with their future endeavours and look forward to exciting new changes at OFM."

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