

LUKE YANKEE

Director/Producer of Theatre and Special Events

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PRODUCER/DIRECTOR/PROJECT COODINATOR:

Mattel, Inc. El Segundo, CA. Four years as freelance producer/director & project coordinator on International Toy Fairs and Domestic Sales Meetings. Supervised all elements of production, including graphics (Power Point presentations), video, talent, etc. Liaison between marketing and other departments for all brands, including Barbie, Fisher-Price, Matchbox, Tyco R/C, Small and Large Dolls. On-site producer for Toy Fairs in Hollywood, Tucson, Orlando, Buffalo and Palm Springs.

PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR:

Long Beach Civic Light Opera, Long Beach, CA. Produced & directed season of 3 musicals in 3,000 seat convention center on WCLO and all other applicable union contracts. Annual budget of \$4 million. Hired all creative staff, generated contracts, handled union negotiations, produced special events, liaison with Hollywood stars and agents. Member, National Alliance of Musical Theatre (NAMT).

THE KING & I
with Lee Meriwether

NITE CLUB CONFIDENTIAL
with Barbara Eden

MAN OF LA MANCHA
with John McCook

DIRECTOR - SPECIAL EVENTS:

THEATRE LA OVATION AWARDS
1995 - 98 (4 years)

Shubert Theatre
Los Angeles

with Nathan Lane, Annette Bening, Noah Wyle,
Carol Burnett & Stephen Sondheim

HONDA'S 50th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

Radio City Music Hall
New York

with Dick Clark & The Rockettes
Dick Clark Productions

LEXUS PRODUCT LAUNCH
"Change The World"

Palace of Fine Arts
San Francisco

with Quincy Jones, Patti Austin & James Ingram
Dick Clark Productions

ILFC 25th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

Shubert Theatre
Los Angeles

with Barry Manilow, Robert Guillaume
Cirque du Soliel – Dick Clark Productions

SPOLETO GALA FOR
HURRICANE RELIEF

Alice Tully Hall
Lincoln Center

with Lynn Redgrave, Jerome Robbins
Rosemary Harris & Darci Kistler

LONG BEACH CELEBRITY
FILM SERIES

Carpenter Center
Long Beach, CA

creator and producer -
with Robert Wise and George Chakiris

PRODUCTION COORDINATOR - SPECIAL EVENTS:

CARPENTER PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER GALA OPENING

Carpenter Center
Long Beach, CA

with Peggy Lee, Richard Carpenter, Herb Alpert
Freida Payne & John Byner

THE TONY AWARDS
with Angela Lansbury

Minskoff Theatre
CBS – TV

coordinator for "Anything Goes" segment with
Patti Lu Pone & Broadway cast.

CASTING DIRECTOR – TELEVISION:

Three years as casting director for Jonathan Goodson Productions' THE BIG SPIN. Cast celebrities to present on-air "Hero in Education" Award once a month; stars hired include: Betty White, Corbin Bernsen, Michael Gross, Lindsay Wagner, Sharon Lawrence, Phyllis Diller, Erik Estrada, Bruce Jenner, Edward Asner, Beth Broderick, Ed McMahon & Joan Van Ark

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR:

Struthers Library Theatre, Warren, Pennsylvania - three seasons. Hired all staff & cast, set budgets and directed all productions. 1,000-seat opera house operating on summer stock LOA contract:

A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC
GIGI
LEND ME A TENOR
with David Canary

ANNIE
GYPSY
PRIVATE LIVES
with David Canary

HELLO, DOLLY!
STATE FAIR

PRODUCER/ DIRECTOR - LECTURE SERIES:

DIVA DISH!	Celebrity Cruises Tours of LA, New York, etc.	Created& performed 90 minute one-man show about vintage Hollywood & Broadway
BARBARA EDEN: STILL DREAMING	Holland America Cruise Lines	Created 25 min. video montage of Ms. Eden's career - produced & moderated lectures.
AN EILEEN HECKART RETROSPECTIVE	Holland America & Crystal Cruise Lines	Created 1 hour video montage of Ms. Heckart's career - produced & moderated lectures

DIRECTOR - OFF BROADWAY:

HIGH INFIDELITY by John Dooley	Promenade Theatre (world premiere)	with John Davidson & Morgan Fairchild
THE CHERRY ORCHARD by Anton Chekhov	York Theatre Company	with Cynthia Nixon, Penny Fuller, David Canary & Merle Louise

DIRECTOR - REGIONAL THEATRE:

Over 30 productions – list on request.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – BROADWAY & TOURS:

GRIND with Ben Vereen	Mark Hellinger Theatre Broadway	Assistant to Harold Prince
THE CIRCLE with Rex Harrison	Ambassador Theatre Broadway	Assistant to Brian Murray
LIGHT UP THE SKY with Peter Falk	Ahmanson Theatre Los Angeles	Assistant to Ellis Rabb; Re-staged Robert Morse in leading role

RESUMES ALSO AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

Guest Director and/or faculty at regional theatres, conservatories and universities throughout the country and abroad.
Production Assistant, Trainee and/or Director Observer on numerous films and television series.
Speech and dialect coach for over 40 productions.
Voiceover artist and casting director for many films and commercials.

TRAINING:

Juilliard School of Drama
Bachelor of Arts, New York University
USC School of Cinema & Television
Circle in the Square - New York
Northwestern University

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