

NEWS

‘DANIEL’S DAUGHTER’

PRODUCTION BIOS

GERALD W. ABRAMS (Executive Producer) – Gerald W. Abrams began his television career in 1965, with WCBS TV as an account executive, and worked his way up through CBS Television national sales to head the West Coast Sales Department in 1971. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed General Sales Manager of KCBS, the CBS-owned station in Los Angeles.

In 1973, Abrams joined The Jozak Company as Vice President of Creative Affairs, and segued into his producing career by producing a GE Theater Presentation "The Secret Life of John Chapman." While with Jozak, a few of the projects Abrams executive-produced were "James Dean, Portrait Of A Friend," "Red Alert," the Emmy® award-winning "The Defection Of Simas Kudirka," starring Alan Arkin, and the ABC series "Julie Farr, M.D."

Abrams formed his own company, Cypress Point Productions, in 1978. Through Cypress Point, he executive-produced "Flesh And Blood," starring John Cassavetes and Denzel Washington, "Letters From Frank," starring Art Carney, "The Gift" starring Glenn Ford, "Act Of Love," starring Ron Howard and Mickey Rourke, "Berlin Tunnel 21," starring Richard Thomas, "Marian Rose White," starring Katherine Ross and Valerie Perri, the CBS series "Cutter To Houston," starring Alec Baldwin, "Found Money," starring Dick Van Dyke and Sid Caesar, "Scorned And Swindled," starring Tuesday Weld, and the Emmy award-winning "Florence Nightingale," "A Woman Called Golda," starring Ingrid Bergman for Operation Primetime.

In addition to his television credits, Abrams was also the executive producer of "Hearts Of Fire," a theatrical film for Lorimar, starring Bob Dylan and Rupert Everett.

Abrams formed Phoenix Entertainment Group with Gerald Isenberg in July of 1985. In February of 1989, Phoenix was acquired by The Hearst Corporation and renamed Hearst Entertainment Productions where he served as the Co-Chairman.

Abrams was also the producer of the four-hour miniseries, "Monte Carlo," shot entirely on location in France, and executive-producer of "A Father's Revenge," for ABC, which was filmed in Berlin, starring Brian Dennehy and Joanna Cassidy. Also in '89, he executive-produced the two-hour movie for ABC and London Weekend Television, "Jekyll & Hyde," starring Michael Caine and Cheryl Ladd, filmed on location in England, which was followed by "Daughter Of Darkness," starring Anthony Perkins, which was filmed in Budapest, Hungary, for CBS. Abrams also executive produced "Family of Spies" the five-hour mini-series for CBS starring Powers Boothe and Lesley Ann Warren for which she was nominated for an Emmy.

(more)

HALLMARK CHANNEL / ‘DANIEL’S DAUGHTER – Production Bios - Page 2

Abrams served on the Board of Directors of the Hollywood Radio and Television Society from 1982 to 1984, and has remained a very active alumnus of The Pennsylvania State University, having



served on the Alumni Council and on the Board of Advisors to The College of Communications. In 1984, he was made an Alumni Fellow and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1986. Additionally, he serves on the Alumni Board of Directors for The College of Communications. The Caucus for Television Producers, Writers & Directors honored Abrams with the Producer's Award for 2004.

Abrams executive produced "Black and Blue," based on Pulitzer Prize winning author Anna Quindlen's best selling novel, as well as "Nuremberg," a four-hour mini-series for Turner Network Television starring Alec Baldwin and Brian Cox, which was nominated for both the Golden Globes and Emmy Awards, and "Second Honeymoon" starring Roma Downey and Tim Matheson for CBS. Following the critical success of those films, Abrams executive produced the Hallmark Channel's "A Christmas Visitor."

In 2003, Abrams executive produced "44 Minutes," the FX Network's highest rated show in its nine-year history as well as the Emmy winning "Out of the Ashes" for Showtime starring Christine Lahti and directed by Joseph Sargent.

In March of 2004, ABC aired "The Mystery of Natalie Wood" executive produced by Abrams and based on Suzanne Finstad's biography of Natalie Wood. Additional credits include "See Arnold Run" about the historic California recall election for A&E. In 2005, Abrams produced "Four Minutes" starring Christopher Plummer, chronicling Roger Bannister's feat of being the first to run one mile in under four minutes and are developing "The Jack Johnson Story" a look at the flamboyant life of the world's first black heavyweight boxing champion.

Gerald's wife, Carol Abrams, is a Peabody Award winning producer and co-author of "Shared Memories." They have two children, J.J. Abrams, who has written and produced the motion picture "Regarding Henry," wrote "Forever Young," "Armageddon," directed "Mission Impossible III," and is the creator and Executive Producer of the television series "Lost", "Felicity," "What About Brian" and "Alias," and Tracy Abrams, a screenwriter who has written for series television.

###

SUSAN MURDOCH (Executive Producer) - Susan Murdoch is President of QVF Inc. and Vice President of Pebblehut, one of the major producers of film and television product in Canada. Over the past 25 years, Murdoch produced or production managed numerous feature and television movies as well as more than 200 hours of episodic television including the "Nero Wolfe Mysteries" for A&E, "Veritas" for ABC, "The City" for CTV, "Kung Fu – The Legend Continues" for Warner Bros, "War of the Worlds" for Paramount Television, and "Adderly" for CBS. She has been involved with such significant Canadian feature films as "Black Robe," directed by Bruce Beresford and "Camilla," starring the late Jessica Tandy.

(more)

HALLMARK CHANNEL / 'DANIEL'S DAUGHTER – Production Bios - Page 3

In addition to her producing activities, Murdoch has been active in several industry-related organisations. She is currently on the Co-Chair of FilmOntario, an industry stakeholder consortium; and is also Co-Chair, along with Mayor David Miller, of the Toronto Film Board.

###

NEILL FEARNLEY (Director) – A native of Liverpool, England, Neill Fearnley has more than 40 directorial credits, including episodes of such television shows as "21 Jump Street," "Earth: Final Conflict," "Kung Fu: The Legend Continues," "The Outer Limits," "Witchblade," "Jeremiah," and



NEWS

SciFi's 2007 update of "Flash Gordon." He has also directed several TV movies, including "A Decent Proposal," "Christmas in Boston," "I Dream of Murder" and "The Bad Son."

###

