



PRODUCTION BIOS

ROBERT HALMI, SR. (Executive Producer) – Robert Halmi, Sr., of RHI Entertainment, LLC (formerly Hallmark Entertainment, LLC), is described in his 1999 Peabody Award citation as "perhaps the last of the great network television impresarios." *TV Guide* calls him "TV's master showman." These and other descriptions sit comfortably on the shoulders of one of the industry's most prolific and respected producers; a man who, in little more than two decades, has created a signature niche in the television business, producing quality, family-friendly long form entertainment.

Halmi has produced nearly 200 television films, miniseries and motion pictures, including five-time Emmy Award[®] winning "The Josephine Baker Story," "Gypsy" (Bette Midler), "Mr. and Mrs. Bridge" (Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward) and "Gulliver's Travels" (Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen), another winner of five Emmy[®] Awards.

More recently Halmi was honored by Reed MIDEM with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2004 MIPTV international market in Cannes, France. While there, he received the city of Cannes' Palme D'Or, from the Mayor of Cannes, Bernard Brochand, at a special event held in his honor at the Villa Domergue. That same week he was also named Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Letters by the French government, the country's highest honor in the fields of art and culture.

Robert Halmi's "event" productions include "Arabian Nights" (Rufus Sewell, Dougray Scott, John Leguizamo, Mili Avital), "Alice in Wonderland" (Tina Majorino, Martin Short, Miranda Richardson), "Cleopatra" (Leonor Varela, Billy Zane, Timothy Dalton),

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"Dostoevsky's Crime & Punishment" (Ben Kingsley, Patrick Dempsey), "Don Quixote" (John Lithgow, Bob Hoskins, Vanessa Williams, Isabella Rossellini), "In Cold Blood" (Anthony Edwards, Eric Roberts, Sam Neill), "Jason and the Argonauts" (Jason London, Dennis Hopper, Frank Langella), "Merlin" (Sam Neill, Isabella Rossellini, Martin Short, Miranda Richardson), "Moby Dick" (Patrick Stewart, Gregory Peck), "Noah's Ark" (Jon Voight, Mary Steenburgen, F. Murray Abraham) "The Odyssey" (Armand Assante, Greta Scaachi) and "The 10th Kingdom" (John Larroquette, Scott Coen, Kimberly Williams).

Triumphs from recent seasons include the Emmy Award[®] winning and technically groundbreaking "Dinotopia," "Animal Farm" (Pete Postlethwaite, with the voices of Patrick Stewart, Kelsey Grammer, Ian Holm), "Dreamkeeper" (August Schellenberg), "King of Texas" (Patrick Stewart, Marcia Gay Harden), "The Prince and the Pauper" (Aidan Quinn), and "Snow White: The Fairest of Them All" (Miranda Richardson).

2004 was truly a benchmark year, ushering in several major Halmi productions including the highly acclaimed "The Lion in Winter" (Glenn Close, Patrick Stewart) for Showtime, a musical version of "A Christmas Carol" (Kelsey Grammer, Jason Alexander, Jesse L. Martin) for NBC, "Mitch Albom's The Five People You Meet in Heaven" (John Voight, Jeff Daniels, Ellen Burstyn, Michael Imperioli) for ABC and "Legend of Earthsea" (Isabella Rossellini, Danny Glover, Shawn Ashmore, Kristin Kruek) for The Sci Fi Channel.

In 2005-06, Halmi continued to churn out epic dramas including "Human Trafficking" (Mira Sorvino, Donald Sutherland) for Lifetime and "The Ten Commandments" (Dougray Scott, Omar Sharif, Naveen Andrews) for ABC, as well as "Merlin's Apprentice" (Sam Neill, Miranda Richardson, John Reardon), a sequel to the hit miniseries "Merlin," and the sci-fi thriller "Final Days of Planet Earth" (Daryl Hannah, Gil Bellows, Campbell Scott).

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The Hungarian-born Halmi was active in the anti-Nazi underground in World War II, and later was arrested by the Communists when they took over the country. He came to the U.S. in 1950 and worked for many years as an award-winning photographer for *Life Magazine*. In 1994, Halmi sold his company, RHI Entertainment, to Hallmark Cards and in January 2006 Halmi Sr. together with his son, Robert Halmi Jr. and affiliates Kelso & Company, acquired all ownership interest in Hallmark Entertainment LLC and re-launched the company as RHI Entertainment, LLC.

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ROBERT HALMI, JR. (Executive Producer) - Emmy® Award winner Robert Halmi Jr. currently serves as President of RHI Entertainment, LLC (formerly Hallmark Entertainment, LLC). His career as a film producer began in 1980 with "Wilson's Reward," which garnered numerous awards, including a gold medal at the Houston Film Festival. He has produced more than 100 movies and miniseries for television, including "Dreamkeeper," "Dinotopia," "Arabian Nights," "The 10th Kingdom," "Cleopatra," "Alice in Wonderland," "The Baby Dance" and "Lonesome Dove," which earned seven Emmy® Awards and a Golden Globe for Best Miniseries. Recent Halmi, Jr. "event" productions include "Earthsea," "Mitch Albom's The Five People You Meet in Heaven," "King Solomon's Mines," "La Femme Musketeer," "Frankenstein," "Frederick Forsyth's Icon," "Supernova," "Mysterious Island" and "The Poseidon Adventure."

In 1984, at age 26, Halmi Jr. became President of RHI Entertainment Inc. (RHI) a publicly traded entertainment company founded by his father. In 1994, RHI was sold to Hallmark Cards Inc. and Halmi Jr. became President and CEO of Hallmark Entertainment, the successor to RHI. For over the past decade, Hallmark Entertainment has remained the largest supplier of movies and miniseries in the television industry,

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garnering more Emmy nominations for television movies than any other production company in the history of television. Under Halmi Jr's guidance, Hallmark Entertainment produced over 2,000 hours of television programming. These shows received 448 Emmy® nominations and garnered 103 Emmy® Awards.

From 1994-2005, Hallmark Entertainment provided four of the top five highest rated US miniseries and movies made for television, including 2004's highest rated original movie, "Mitch Albom's The Five People You Meet in Heaven." Hallmark Entertainment productions have also topped the ratings charts of the major basic cable networks, "Earthsea" for SciFi Channel (their highest rated miniseries in 2005), "Meet the Santas" for Hallmark Channel and most recently Lifetime television with "Human Trafficking," the highest rated miniseries on basic cable for 2005.

In 1995, Halmi Jr. was instrumental in forming Crown Media Holdings, Inc., which owns and operates pay television channels across the globe dedicated to high quality, broad appeal, entertainment programming. In 2000, Crown Media went public on the Nasdaq® stock exchange. To date, Crown Media has launched channels in more than 122 countries and in 25 languages.

In January 2006, Halmi Jr. along with members of senior management and affiliates Kelso & Company, a private investment firm, acquired all the ownership interest in Hallmark Entertainment, LLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of Hallmark Cards) and re-launched the company as RHI Entertainment, LLC.

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UWE SCHOTT (Executive Producer) – A prolific producer of television movies and features in his native Germany, Uwe Schott's credits also include a number of English-language projects. The historical drama "Marco Polo" marks the second miniseries
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collaboration for Schott with RHI Entertainment, executive producers Robert Halmi, Sr. and Robert Halmi, Jr., producers Matthew O'Connor, Michael O'Connor and Shan Tam. He also served as executive producer on the RHI Entertainment fantasy miniseries, "Son of the Dragon" with the same team. Both projects were produced back-to-back on location in China.

German audiences best know Schott for his work as producer of "Verbrechen des Professor Capellari," a continuing series of television movies. These crime dramas center on the sleuthing skills of title character Professor Viktor Capellari, portrayed by Friedrich Von Thun. With a total of 15 movies to date, they began with 1998's "Verbrechen des Capellari: Still ruht der See, Die," with the most recent outing being 2004's "Verbrechen des Professor Capellari: Der letzte Vorhang, Die."

Schott has also produced such English-language features as the family action adventure "Catch That Kid," directed by Bart Freundlich and the romantic comedy "Venus and Mars," co-starring Lynn Redgrave, Michael Weatherly and Julie Bowen. Schott also produced the television movie "Hart to Hart: Til Death Us Do Part." Starring Stefanie Powers and Robert Wagner, audiences had the opportunity to enjoy a new crime solving adventure with the wealthy, glamorous Harts, as they did throughout the run of their popular 1980's television series, "Hart to Hart."

Among Schott's other projects are the German features "Cowgirl," "Half Past Dead" ("Halbtot"), "Ukulele Blues" and "Deadly Measures" ("Im Sog Des Bosen"). He also executive produced the German television series "Typisch Sophie."

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KEVIN CONNOR (Director) – Kevin Connor has amassed an impressive list of directorial credits in television movies, miniseries and feature films. His other collaborations with RHI Entertainment (or it's earlier moniker Hallmark Entertainment) include the miniseries "Frankenstein," featuring Donald Sutherland and Julie Delpy and the biblical miniseries, "In the Beginning," starring Martin Landau, Jacqueline Bisset, Bill Campbell and Eddie Cibrain. He also directed the company's television movie, "Mary and Jesus," which included "Polo" co-star Mark Jax in the cast.

Other miniseries credits for Connor include "North and South: Book II" with an all-star cast including Patrick Swayze and Kirstie Alley, "Mistral's Daughter" starring Stacy Keach and Stefanie Powers, "The Apocalypse Watch" with Patrick Bergin, John Shea and Virginia Madsen, and "The Seventh Scroll," co-written by "Polo" co-star Alan Shearman. A partial list of his television movies include "Santa, Jr.," "Just Desserts," "A Boyfriend for Christmas," "The Little Riders," "Liz: The Elizabeth Taylor Story," "The Old Curiosity Shop," "Diana: Her True Story," "The Hollywood Detective" and "Mary, Mother of God. Connor has directed episodes of numerous popular television series including "Moonlighting," "Hart to Hart," "Hotel," "Remington Steele," "Lazarus Man," "Dirty Dozen: The Series" and "Space: 1999."

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