

LUKE YANKEE

Director/Producer of Corporate and Special Events

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PRODUCER/DIRECTOR/PROJECT COODINATOR:

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

STAGE DIRECTOR & PROJECT COORDINATOR:

HONDA'S 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	Radio City Music Hall New York	with Dick Clark & The Rockettes Dick Clark Corporate Productions
LA ACTOR'S FUND TONY AWARDS GALA (4 years) – writer, director and producer	Skirball Center Los Angeles	with Bryan Cranston, Florence Henderson, Sean Penn, Annie Potts, Martin Sheen, Tommy Tune, Hal Holbrook & Tim Curry.
INTUIT CTOF INTERNATONAL SALES MEETING (3 years)	Intuit Offices Woodland Hills	corporate meeting with satellite hookups via seven domestic & international locations
LEXUS PRODUCT LAUNCH "Change The World"	Palace of Fine Arts San Francisco	with Quincy Jones, Patti Austin & James Ingram Dick Clark Corporate Productions
ILFC 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	Shubert Theatre Los Angeles	with Barry Manilow, Robert Guillaume & Cirque – Dick Clark Corporate Productions
THEATRE LA OVATION AWARDS (4 years)	Shubert Theatre Los Angeles	with Nathan Lane, Annette Bening, Noah Wyle, Carol Burnett & Stephen Sondheim
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 Richard Carpenter, Herb Alpert Freida Payne & Peggy Lee
THE TONY AWARDS with Angela Lansbury	Minskoff Theatre CBS – TV	coordinator for "Anything Goes" segment with Patti Lu Pone & Broadway cast. Don Mischer Productions

CASTING DIRECTOR:

THE BIG SPIN - Jonathan Goodson Productions - Six years as casting director and talent coordinator for on-air "Hero in Education" Award presented monthly, sponsored by California Lottery. Stars hired include: Betty White, Marcia Cross, Corbin Bernsen, Michael Gross, Lindsay Wagner, Sharon Lawrence, Phyllis Diller, Erik Estrada, Bruce Jenner, Edward Asner, Ed McMahon, Robin Leach & Doris Roberts.

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

PRODUCER/ HOST – LECTURE/SPEAKER SERIES:

(DVDs available on request)

CONVERSATIONS
ON CRAFT

Stella Adler Theatre
Los Angeles

Interview series – guests include Edward Asner,
Mark Rydell, Michael Learned, & Marc Cherry

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.

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. Critically acclaimed, published author (“Just Outside the Spotlight” – Random House/Backstage Books). Award-winning, published & produced playwright (“The Last Lifeboat”, “A Place at Forest Lawn” & “The Jesus Hickey”). Production Assistant, Writers 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

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST