



PRODUCTION BIOS

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 Musqueteer*, *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, garnering more Emmy nominations for television movies than any other production company in the history of television. Under Halmi Jr's guidance, Hallmark Entertainment has produced over 2,000 hours of television programming. These shows have received 431 Emmy® nominations and garnered 103 Emmy® Awards

From 1994-2005, Hallmark Entertainment provided four of the top five highest rated 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), *Single Santa Seeks Mrs. Claus* for Hallmark Channel (highest rated in the history of the network), 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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LARRY LEVINSON (Executive Producer) – Larry Levinson has extensive credits as an executive producer, including the telefilm "Johnson County War" and blockbuster miniseries "Larry McMurtry's Streets of Laredo" and "Larry McMurtry's Dead Man's Walk." His Hallmark Channel productions include "The Last Cowboy," "Straight From the Heart," "Love Comes Softly," "Audrey's Rain," "The King and Queen of Moonlight Bay," "Hard Ground," "Mystery Woman," "A Time to Remember," "Just Desserts," "A Place Called Home" and "The Long Shot (Believe in Courage)," "Life on Liberty Street," "King Solomon's Mines," "La Femme Musqueteer," "The Trail to Hope Rose," "The Hollywood Mom's Mystery," "Murder Without Conviction," "Wedding Daze," "Frankenstein," "Love's Enduring Promise," "A Boyfriend for Christmas," "Single Santa Seeks Mrs. Claus," and "Angel in the Family." He also executive produced "Mark Twain's Roughing It," "Everything That Rises" with Dennis Quaid, "Rough Riders" with Tom Berenger, and a series of "Hard Time" telefilms starring Burt Reynolds as detective Logan McQueen. Previously, Levinson was supervising producer for the Kenny Rogers' telefilms "MacShayne: The Final Roll of the Dice" and "MacShayne: Winner Takes All."

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NICK LOMBARDO (Co-Executive Producer) – Nick Lombardo is currently Executive Vice President, Production, Alpine Medien. His television credits include executive producer on "Pirates of Silicon Valley," which received five Emmy® nominations including Outstanding Movie, and co-producer on the miniseries "Gettysburg." From 1989 to 1998, Lombardo was vice president, then senior vice president, production, for Turner Network Television. From 1983 - 1989, he was with The Polson Company and produced the network telefilms "Go Toward the Light," "Baby Girl Scott," "In the Interest of Tracy" and "Not My Kid." From 1979 - 1984, he was staff associate producer of "The Barbara Walters Specials."

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YELENA LANSKAYA (Director) -- Yelena Lanskaya made her full-length film directorial debut with "The Colt." The movie won a Gold Jury Award at the international film festival, Worldfest Houston and Ms. Lanskaya received the Best Director Award for "The Colt" at the La Femme International Film Festival in Los Angeles. Her previous work with Hallmark Entertainment includes the captivating behind-the-scenes documentary "Making of Dreamkeeper," which she produced, directed, and edited. Her short film, "Might As Well Live," won top honors at The Moscow Forum For Young Cinema and The Open Russian Film Festival "Kinotavr." Lanskaya is a graduate of the Abakan Music College in Russia. She is a trained classical pianist and has performed in chamber orchestras throughout Russia. Lanskaya began her TV and film career as a journalist for Odessa Television in the Ukraine. Developing her filmmaking skills brought her to the U.S. to study at The American Film Institute Conservatory in Los Angeles. After graduating the Conservatory, she had the honor of being selected from a pool of several hundred applicants to participate in the institute's highly prestigious grant program, Directing Workshop for Women. Lanskaya is also an active member of The Motion Picture Editors Guild. Her many editing credits include "The Snow Queen," "King of Texas" and "Truman Capote's A Christmas Memory."

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ROBERT TATE MILLER (Writer) – Robert Tate Miller was born in Atlanta, Georgia in 1962. Robert was raised in the North Carolina mountain town of Hendersonville where his family moved in 1965. Robert graduated from East Henderson High School in 1980 and attended the University of Georgia where he received a journalism degree in 1984.

After college, Robert Tate Miller worked as a studio cameraman, a game show producer and as a promotions writer/producer. Aside from his career as a screenwriter, Robert Tate Miller has had essays and articles published in *Reader's Digest*, numerous times in *The Christian Science Monitor* and in several of the *Chicken Soup For the Soul* books. He currently lives in Northridge, California with his wife and six year-old step-daughter.

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