

# RON FRANK

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Ron Frank is an award-winning producer whose credits span more than twenty-five years in film and television production, direction, writing and editing documentaries, live concerts, promos, music videos and other non-fiction programming. His productions have been seen on **PBS, ABC, CNN, MTV, A&E, TLC, Discovery** and **History**, and throughout France, Germany, Israel, Japan and Australia. Screenings of his films have been held at **SXSW, AFI, MOMA, Israel Film Fest, Kennedy Center, United Nations, NY., Television Academy, L.A.** His production work has been reviewed by *Variety, Hollywood Reporter, MSNBC, NY Times, LA Times, Washington Post*.

Ron is currently producing and directing *When Comedy Went to School* hosted by Robert Klein with Jerry Lewis, Jackie Mason, Sid Caesar, Jerry Stiller and Larry King. His most recent achievement has been producer/director for *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success* with Deepak Chopra and Olivia Newton-John for Fox Home Video. He has also directed *Bad Boy Made Good*, music composer George Antheil and his Ballet mecanique for PBS. *Hong Kong Rocks* an MTV special from Hong Kong with the Rolling Stones, Santana and Prince. He also produced, directed and edited *Only in America*, a behind-the-scenes story of Senator Joe Lieberman's national campaign for VP in 2000. Ron has always been intrigued by subjects with a social content, but never more than when he produced, *The Eternal Road: An Encounter with the Past*, a testament to the last German-Jewish generation born in the early part of the 20th century – screened on over 50 PBS stations and many film festivals. His production, *The Port Chicago Mutiny: The Real Story*, for TLC, narrated by Louis Gossett, Jr., related the true story about racism in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and was honored with the Silver Medal by the New York Festival and the Chicago Film Festival/Intercom, as well as winning a Telly Award. *The Hunt for Adolf Eichmann*, which he wrote, produced and edited, for A&E, narrated by Gregory Peck, was honored by the New York Festival, also winning a Telly and a NEFV award..

He produced and directed *Gloria*, hosted by James Earl Jones, a musical spectacle performed live in Jerusalem, with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and Millennium Choir. *Israeli Intelligence* and *Shadows of the Six Day War* were filmed for the History Channel's Secrets of War series. His *Mystery of Mars*, a story regarding the possibility of life on Mars and intelligent life in the universe, was narrated by Leonard Nimoy for TLC.

As an award-winning film editor, Frank's earlier credits include: *Turning Point: Murder in Mississippi* for ABC; *Ivan the Terrible: The Demjanjuk Dossier* for PBS; and the Cable Ace award-winning series *The Revolutionary War* for TLC.

A graduate of New York University's film school, Frank lived and worked in Jerusalem, working for CNN and ABC News, and producing film and television productions for the Israeli government and non-profit organizations.

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## CREDITS

- ***When Comedy Went To School*** (2008) Hosted by Robert Klein, is a tribute to the comedians of the Catskill Mountains. With Jerry Lewis, Jackie Mason, Sid Caesar, Jerry Stiller, Dick Gregory, Hugh Hefner Larry King and others. IN PRODUCTION.
- **FOX *Seven Spiritual Laws of Success*** (2006) Based on author Deepak Chopra's bestselling book offers a life-altering perspective on the attainment of success and the fulfillment of your dreams.
- **FOX *How to Know God*** (2006) Bestselling author Deepak Chopra is on a soul's journey through Egypt, India, Las Vegas and the Cosmos to know the mystery of mysteries.
- **LIME TV *Lime Life with Deepak*** (2005) Author and lecturer Deepak Chopra advice for life's ordinary problems.
- **MTV *Hong Kong Rocks*** (2004) rock concert and tour of Hong Kong hosted by Asha Gill with performances and interviews by the Rolling Stones, Santana, Prince, Neil Young and Michelle Branch.
- **PBS *Bad Boy Made Good*** (2003) the life of composer George Antheil - the creator of the "Ballet mecanique".
- **FESTIVALS *Only in America*** (2002) the 2000 election as seen through the campaign of a minority candidate, Senator Joe Lieberman, the first Jew to run for national office.
- **HISTORY *Mussolini's Henchman***, (2001) the myth of Mussolini and how he led Italy to defeat. Narrated by Charlton Heston for the *Sworn to Secrecy* series
- **HISTORY *Hitler's Last Days***, (2001) Channel - follows the last days of the German leader in his bunker. Narrated by Charlton Heston for the *Sworn to Secrecy* series
- **MTV *True Life: Backyard Wrestling*** (2001) documents kids who play characters and hit the backyard in homegrown wrestling matches.

- **DISCOVERY** *I Survived*, (2000) stories of survival. Segment on the fire aboard the USS Forrestal with Senator John McCain.
- **PBS** *The Eternal Road: An Encounter with the Past*, (2000) is the story of an opera by Kurt Weill that foreshadowed the fate of German Jewry.
- **PBS** *Gloria* (1999) a musical event hosted by James Earl Jones and performed live in Jerusalem, Israel with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in the Millennium Choir.
- **HISTORY** *Israeli Intelligence* (1999) the 50 year history of Mossad - Israel's secret intelligence service. Narrated by Charlton Heston for the *Sworn to Secrecy* series.
- **TLC** *The Port Chicago Mutiny: The Real Story* (1999) a true story about racism in the U.S. Navy during World War Two narrated by Louis Gossett Jr. Winner silver medal NY Fests, Telly Award, Intercom silver medal
- **HISTORY** *Shadows of the Six Day War* (1998) about secret agents gather intelligence that determines the outcome of '67 Arab-Israeli war. Narrated by Charlton Heston for the *Sworn to Secrecy* series
- **TLC** *The Mystery of Mars* (1997) the story that may reveal life on Mars and intelligent life in the Universe narrated by Leonard Nimoy.
- **A&E** *The Hunt for Adolf Eichmann* (1994) the story of this SS officer's hunt and capture narrated by Gregory Peck. Awards: Telly, NY Fests, and NEFV awards.
- **LIFETIME** *Princesses of Monaco* (1996) a biographical look at the lives of Grace Kelly and her daughters narrated by Lee Grant.
- **TLC** *The Revolutionary War*, (1995) a five part documentary series on the American Revolution, narrated by Charles Kuralt. Winner Cable Ace Award.
- **ABC** *Turning Point: Murder in Mississippi* (1994) Editor of documentary on slain civil rights activists in Mississippi in 1964.

- **PBS *Ivan the Terrible: The Demjanjuk Dossier*** (1988) Editor of documentary on the last Nazi war criminal trial in Israel. Winner Gold Medal International Film/TV Festival. Narrated by E.G. Marshall.
- 1985-1987 Editor for CNN, New York/ CBS News N.Y.
- 1981-1984 Frank lived in Jerusalem, Israel and worked for CNN, ABC News and produced and edited film and television productions for the Israeli Government.

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