

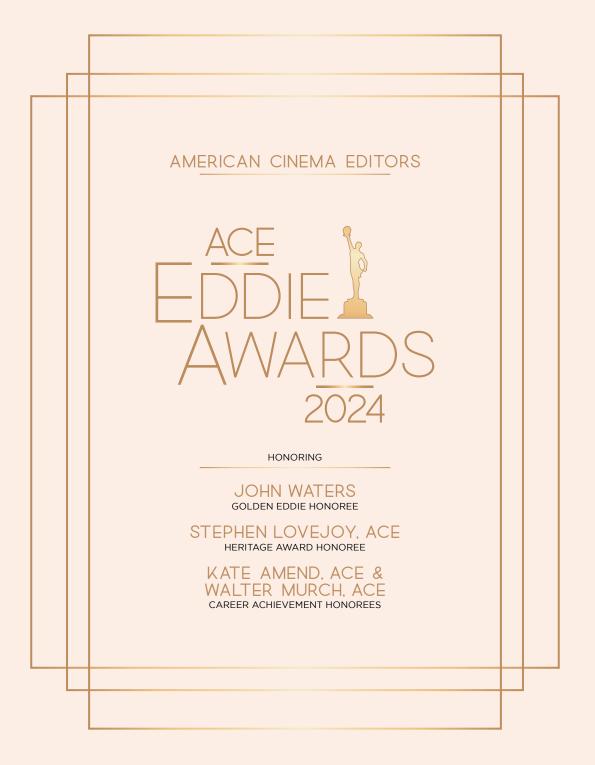
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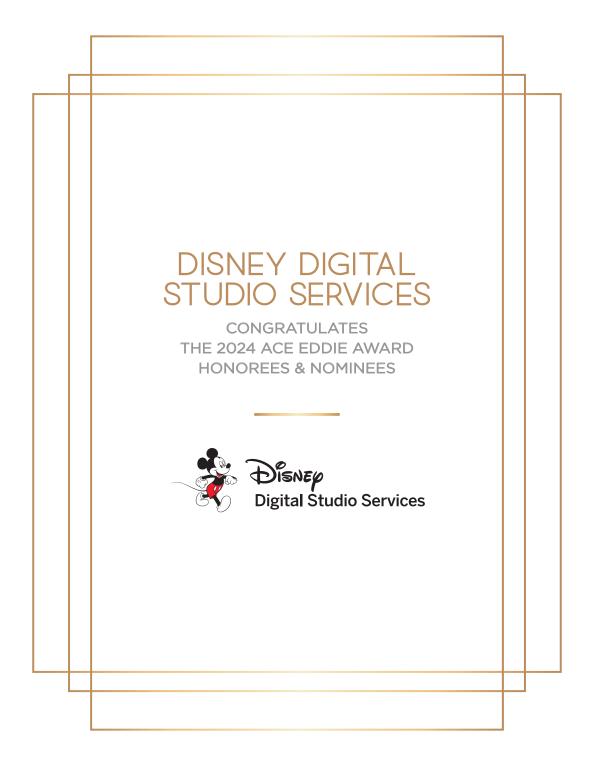
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Congrats to the 2024 Eddie Award nominees and honorees. Adobe is proud to celebrate all of the fantastic editors this year, including those who choose Premiere Pro, Frame.io, and Creative Cloud to bring their creative visions to life.



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AMERICAN CINEMA EDITORS is an honorary society that was founded in 1950 by editors who wanted to create a forum to honor their profession. There were 108 editors at their first meeting and today we have over 1,500 members. Our current members are from all over the world and, like those who came before us, have been admitted on the basis of their exceptional professional achievement, their wish to educate others about the craft of editing and their dedication to advancing the prestige and dignity of the editing profession.

WELCOME

As part of our commitment to education and navigating the ever-changing world of technology, the ACE Educational Center oversees an Internship Program, with sponsorship from Adobe, in which film school graduates from across the country are screened for their potential as future film and television editors. Several applicants will be selected to observe and learn firsthand about what goes on in a cutting room and see what it's like "in the real world." We are very proud of the fact that after almost two decades, nearly every single one of our interns has worked in the business.

To further promote the craft of editing, ACE members speak about our craft at seminars, film festivals and film schools around the globe. As an integral part of the filmmaking community, each year on the Saturday preceding the Academy Awards, we hold the very popular seminar called Invisible Art/Visible Artists. The event features the year's Oscar-nominated editors talking about their experience working on the nominated films. This year IAVA will take place on March 9 at the Regal Sherman Oaks.

Also extremely popular is EditFest. Created in 2008 the event has taken place in New York, Los Angeles and London. It's a one- to two-day "editing retreat" where seasoned and unseasoned editors learn from each other through interviews. presentations and panel discussions. A fun, entertaining deep dive into what editing is all about. In August of 2020, the ACE team pivoted and held the event virtually and our very first EditFest Global went live. It was a huge hit with more than 800 editors and attendees logging in from all over the world. In 2022 with events returning to in-person, a hybrid version of EditFest Global was born with both in-person and virtual components, combining the best of the previous incarnations of EditFest.

Of course none of this would be possible, pandemic or not, without support from the Hollywood post-production community and our many generous corporate sponsors. On behalf of the ACE Board and our members we extend a hearty and deeply felt thank you!

Thank you for joining us today. Now kick back and enjoy the 2024 Eddie Awards!

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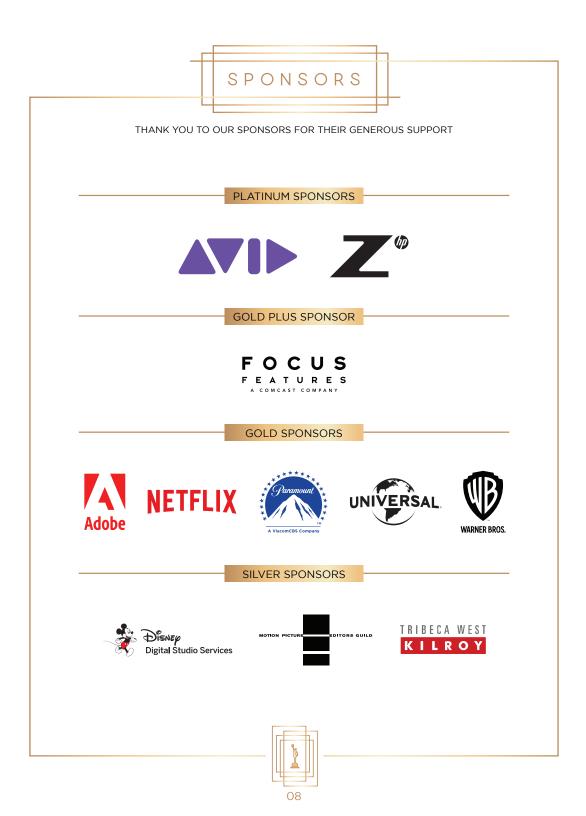
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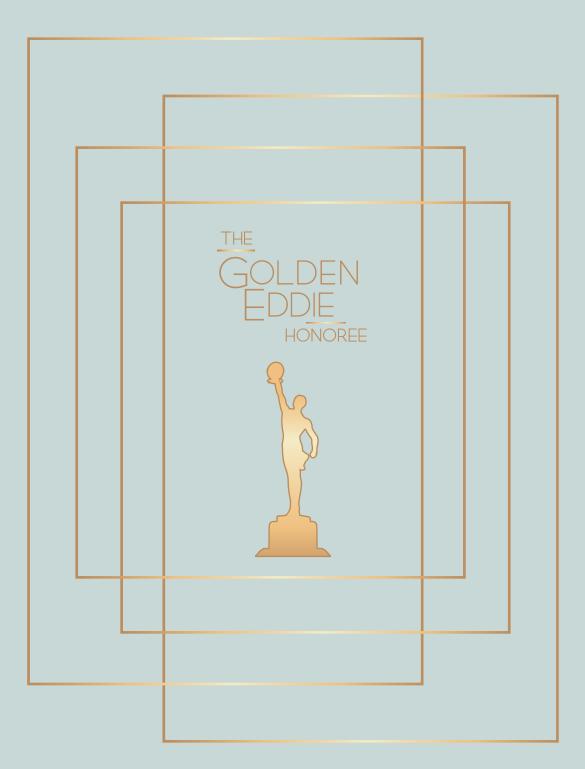


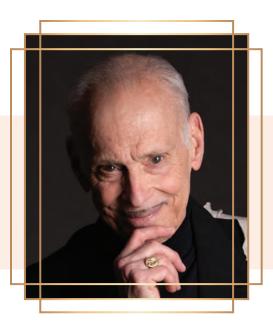
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## CONGRATULATIONS

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e's been called many saucy sobriquets throughout the years. Filth Elder. Pope of Trash. Prince of Puke. Sultan of Sleaze. Baron of Bad Taste. While those capture some of the bawdy spirit of his work, they don't quite encapsulate the full impact that his movies had on counter-culture, pop culture, queer iconography, irreverent comedy and, well, Baltimore.

John Waters is a true American original. The baby boomer from Baltimore proved that edgy environments weren't exclusive to New York, San Francisco or New Orleans. His aesthetic was bold and his origins were humble. He was very much of his era, yet wholly ahead of his time. And it all began with a gift.

"My grandmother gave me a Brownie camera," he recalls. "I made all the early movies myself. I taught myself, really. I got thrown out of film school within a month. That wasn't their fault. I just didn't want to watch *Potemkin* over and over. I did, however, go to movies on 42nd street every day."

Waters particularly enjoyed the cinematic gimmickry of William Castle films and the underground movies of the early '60s from Warhol, Kenneth Anger and the Kuchar brothers. He shot his first short, *Hag in a Black Leather Jacket*, in 1964. It centered on an interracial marriage officiated by a Ku Klux Klan member, had a budget of \$30 and was shot at his parents' house. Waters served as director, writer, editor, cameraman, gaffer, et al. It was screened once at a Baltimore coffee house and marked the first of many times he would work with his friend Mary Vivian Pearce.

Casting friends was a key component of his successful formula. They referred to themselves as the Dreamlanders after Dreamland Studios, Waters' production company. This tribe of recurring cast and crew members added a raw authenticity to his early work that made it feel as though they only existed within the John Waters universe. People like Mink Stole, Pat Moran, Cookie Mueller, David Lochary, Edith Massey and, most notably, Harris Glenn Milstead became staples of his life and his work. It was Milstead's female persona, Divine, however, who would become Waters' cinematic muse.

She was a larger-than-life drag queen who was as crass as she was curvy. She made her debut in *Roman Candles*, Waters' sophomore short. A hodgepodge of sex, drugs and religious imagery, the short did not get much play, but a star was born.

It was around this time in 1967 where Waters' output was picking up steam and he was still wearing many hats. He explains, "The people that taught me were Teamster-types whom I would rent the equipment from. They would take [the equipment] from the TV stations without letting them know and rent it to me. They would teach me how to do it. Or, I would learn from the guy at Quality Film Labs in Baltimore."

As far as editing was concerned, Waters was somewhat clueless at first. He admits, "I didn't know there was editing. I thought what came out of the camera was the movie. And in this case, it was. It was very Dogma 95 and I didn't even realize it."

He even edited his first out and out feature, *Mondo Trasho*. A musical without any dialogue, it was shot on the John Hopkins University campus without permission. Perhaps it was the lack of authorization or the nude actor being filmed, but he and some of the cast members were arrested. He admits now that *Mondo Trasho* should have been a short but seems fine with how it all went down.

*Multiple Maniacs* followed in 1970 and the scale of Waters' movies was increasing. The movie is about a band of murderers and perverts posing as a traveling freakshow with Divine as their leader. It was clear that Milstead was down for anything, but would audiences feel that way?



Waters shoots "Stations of the Cross" in *Multiple Maniacs* Photo by Lawrence Irvine. ©Dreamland Productions.



Waters shoots Pink Flamingos. Photo by Steve Yeager.

Robert Shaye entered Waters' life during this time and would become one of the most important partnerships in his career. Shaye formed New Line Cinema in 1967 and was interested in packaging movies for college crowds. Waters remembers, "When I first went to his company, it had six people working on University Place in New York. They had *Reefer Madness* and a Godard movie. I sent them *Multiple Maniacs* and they said, 'Come back when you have something more commercial.'" That would be his next film.

*Pink Flamingos* starred Divine as Babs Johnson, the repugnant matriarch of a trailer park family. In a bizarre subversion of the keeping-up-with-the-Joneses mentality, Babs' title as the 'Filthiest Person Alive' is challenged by a couple of would-be usurpers. Dreamlanders Lochary and Stole play Raymond and Connie Marble, Babs' rivals in depravity. In the movie, Babs declares, "Kill everyone now. Condone first degree murder. Advocate cannibalism. Eat shit. Filth is my politics. Filth is my life."

*Pink Flamingos* was made thanks to a \$10,000 loan from Waters' parents (which was paid back). He purchased some set pieces like the trailer, and hired Vincent Peranio as art director and production designer. Peranio had previously worked with Waters on *Multiple Maniacs* so he knew what he was getting into. The Dreamlander cast worked very low budget and in the beginning did their own hair and makeup, but then makeup artist Van Smith



Waters circa early 70s. Photo by Mink Stole.



Waters shoots *Desperate Living*. Photo by Steve Yeager. ©Charm City Productions.

stepped in and created the quintessential look that Divine is still known for to this day.

The movie premiered at the University of Baltimore in 1972. Soon after, it screened at a Boston theater usually dedicated to horror and gay porn. Exhibitor Ben Barenholtz picked up the film for his 'Midnight Movie' showings. Waters and Shaye went to one of those screenings to film audience reactions upon leaving the theater. Those reactions would eventually be the trailer for the movie.

"Bob Shaye shot that trailer," explains Waters. "He just went back to the theater the next week after it became a hit and filmed people coming out stupefied. The trailer didn't show any of the scenes. You have to come in to see. I think Bob knew that I was a showman in a way and Bob was the first to mix exploitation films and art films together. I owe my career to Bob. He greenlit most of my movies."

Write-ups in The Village Voice, Interview Magazine and The New York Times gave Waters a level of visibility he had not seen before but Waters had no intention of cleaning up his act. For his next two features, *Female Trouble* and *Desperate Living*, he found editor Charles Roggero.

"I had to get a real editor this time," confides Waters. "I got all the equipment through a professor at University of Baltimore (UMBC). A lot of my assistants come from there. I think I paid for use of the kit that they were supposed to be using in school. Charlie was, I think, part of that class or people knew him. He had a Steenbeck in the basement of his parents' house. The crew was mostly students but he was older."

Waters continues, "I don't think we even had dailies then. I learned everything about editing from sitting down with him. I never really had any teachers except real life."

Regarding whether Roggero understood the director's style, Waters exclaims, "I don't know that he did at first. Charlie was not a wild bohemian type at all. But he soon took the plunge. He got me the song 'Female Trouble.' He had a friend that had another recording of it and we made the deal. We could use the music and I wrote the lyrics."

By the 1980s, Waters had cemented his cult status even though he dipped into the mainstream quite often with interviews on Letterman and bit parts in films like *Something Wild*.

"My films always did the very best in the richest, smartest neighborhoods and in the worst ones with real grindhouses," shares Waters. "Mine were ironic exploitation movies."



Waters with actor Harris Glenn Milstead, better known as Divine, at the Hairspray premiere, 1988. Photo by Catherine McGann/Getty Images.

Pink Flamingos, Female Trouble and Desperate Living were collectively known as his Trash Trilogy. After Polyester (also edited by Roggero), which reinvigorated Tab Hunter's acting career, Waters shocked even himself with his next film.

Hairspray marked his most commercial endeavor to date. He hadn't intentionally written and directed a family-friendly movie but the PG rating was right there. So was Divine. Hairsprav was a critical and commercial success. It was screened at film festivals around the world, and was even a nominee for the Grand Jury Prize at the 1988 Sundance Film Festival. The story of zaftig sweetheart Tracy Turnblad and her quest to make it as a regular on a local dance program in 1962 Baltimore had critics and audiences smitten. The movie introduced Ricki Lake and included Debbie Harry, Sonny Bono, Ruth Brown and Jerry Stiller. Divine played Tracy's mom. Waters jokes, "Divine started her career playing a psychotic and ended playing a loving mother."

Divine passed unexpectedly in 1988 shortly after the release of *Hairspray*. Perhaps the grim specter of death kept some audiences away, but many felt *Hairspray* should have been an even bigger hit than it was. Gone was Waters' muse and all the coarse beauty that she brought to his movies. His editing partnership changed as well.

Janice Hampton, who later became an ACE member, came in to edit *Hairspray* with Roggero. It would be Roggero's last collab with Waters. "We were in Hollywood and suddenly we were into a new phase," Waters recalls. "Janice and I were really in the trenches a lot. I'm still great friends with her. She was probably introduced to me through [producer] Rachel Talalay, but I don't remember. We got along well from the beginning."

Waters delighted fans in the '90s with *Cry-Baby* and *Serial Mom.* Both were set in Baltimore and were sprinkled with Dreamlanders. Regarding *Serial Mom*, he divulges, "I don't want to name any of the executives, but when we screened it at the Directors Guild, the audience loved it, and the executives hated it. I think it's my best movie, and it's very loved today, but it was not a hit when it came out despite opening widely. So, the studio were right from their



Waters and his editing team for *Serial Mom* (L-R) John Waters, Erica Huggins, Janice Hampton, ACE, Jim Cricchi and Stuart Sperling. Photo by Stuart Sperling



Waters filming *Multiple Maniacs*. Photo by Lawrence Irvine © Dreamland Productions.

viewpoint. They don't care if something goes down in history as a good movie. They want it to make money that week. I understand that. Hollywood treated me fairly. Every time when I would go in to pitch a movie, I would bring an ad campaign. I know we have to sell it."

John Waters the actor was a welcome addition to many a show. In 1997, he lent his voice to *The Simpsons* for the episode "Homer's Phobia" which played into the zeitgeist of discussing gay characters on TV.

In 2002, *Hairspray* was given new life as a Broadway musical. Waters gave his blessing for the adaptation and Marc Shaiman wrote the music, and Scott Wittman, the lyrics. The show won various Tony and Drama Desk awards including Best Musical. A film adaptation of the musical followed in 2007 starring John Travolta in the role Divine immortalized. It was a box office smash and revived interest in Waters' work.

Pecker (which he refers to as his "nice film") from 1998, Cecil B. Demented (2000) and A Dirty Shame (2004) were his last features. The latter garnered an NC-17 rating, proving Waters had not lost his edge. Both were edited by Jeffrey Wolf, who later became an ACE member. Waters shares. "I loved working with Jeff. I'm really still friends with all the editors I've worked with because you do go through a lot of drama with them. They have to be on your side, but pretend to be on the distributor's side. It always gets down to these test screenings where they really try to make everyone like it, which is impossible. If that was true, every movie would be a hit. You have to learn how to deal with all that, so I think an editor's loyalty is verv important.

"They also have to know how to negotiate because it usually can come down to you and the editor," he continues. "Sometimes you get good notes and sometimes you get really bad ones. You have to be able to negotiate your way through them. I never put out a movie I didn't want to put out after all you go through. I give a lot of credit to my editors for that."

Waters hasn't been sitting on his hands these past 20 years. "I didn't take a break on purpose," he exclaims. "I've written five movies that were developed by studios. Four were different sequels/TV shows of *Hairspray*. Another one was *Fruitcake*, my children's Christmas movie, that could still happen. I've been paid to write and develop five movies since *A Dirty Shame*."

He appeared in various cameos and featured roles in TV shows like *The Blacklist, My Name is Earl, The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* and *Law & Order: SVU.* He's also written several books including *Carsick: John Waters Hitchhikes Across America;* and his first fiction novel *Liarmouth: A Feel-Bad Romance* published in 2022, which may evolve into a feature.

On being selected to receive the Golden Eddie, Waters confesses, "I thought it was ironic since I didn't know what editing was when I made my first movie, but I was incredibly flattered by it. I must have done something right. They're all still playing. My favorite thing that happened was *Pink Flamingos* was shown uncut on Turner Classics. The program description just read, 'Fat



Waters edits *Pink Flamingos*, 1972. ©Baltimore Sun. Permission from Baltimore Sun Media. All rights reserved.

woman lives in trailer." He laughs, "That is the best thing that has ever been written about me.

"It's astonishing how easy it is to see my most hideous movies," he adds. "*Pink Flamingos* was named to the National Registry as a great American movie. So was *Hairspray*. I feel just really proud and really delighted and just glad I lived to see this. Getting the ACE award is great because I eventually did learn about editing, I even edit myself when I talk. Editing is so important. Everybody should edit their life and make it better."

In 2023, he received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and had an exhibition of his work open at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures called "John Waters: Pope of Trash." That title was given to him by legendary Beat writer William S. Burroughs. Waters shares, "They did a great job on the exhibit. I guess they want a new diversity. A lot of boxes get checked when I come in, even though I'm a white man. I always say, if anything, I made trash 1% more respectable. Which is an accomplishment. I'm proud of it."

### JOHN WATERS

FILMOGRAPHY

#### 2023

Boomslang: Your Future (Short) Actor

#### 2022

The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel Actor

Search Party Actor

#### 2020 - 2021

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Actor

#### 2019

30/30 Vision: 3 Decades of Strand Releasing Director

#### 2018

Mugworth Actor (Voice)

Liverspots and Astronots Actor (Voice)

The Blacklist Actor

2013 - 2018 Mickey Mouse Actor (Voice)

#### 2017

Feud Actor

#### 2016

Hairspray Live! Writer (1988 Screenplay)

Clarence Actor (Voice)

#### 2015

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip Actor (Voice)

#### 2014

*Mr. Pickles* Actor (Voice)

Suburban Gothic Actor

2012 Fish Hooks Actor (Voice)

#### 2011

The Lonely Island Feat. Nicki Minaj & John Waters Actor

Superjail! Actor (Voice)

Mangus! Actor

#### 2006 - 2007

Till Death Do Us Part Actor

#### 2007

Hairspray Writer (1988 Screenplay)/ Actor

In the Land of Merry Misfits Actor

Each Time I Kill Actor

My Name Is Earl

#### 2006

This Filthy World Writer

#### 2004

A Dirty Shame Writer/Director

Seed of Chucky Actor

#### 2003

IFP Independent Spirit Awards <sup>Writer</sup>

#### 2002

Blood Feast 2: All U Can Eat Actor

#### 2000

Cecil B. Demented Writer/Director/Actor

#### 1999

Sweet and Lowdown Actor

#### 1998

Pecker Writer/Director/Actor

Welcome to Hollywood Actor

Frasier Actor

Anarchy TV Actor

**1997** The Simpsons Actor

#### 1993 - 1994

Homicide: Life on the Street Actor

#### 1994

Serial Mom Writer/Director/ Actor (Voice)

Danielle Steele's Family Album Actor

#### 1990

*Cry-Baby* Writer/Director

21 Jump Street Actor

### JOHN WATERS

FILMOGRAPHY

1989 Homer and Eddie Actor

**1988** *Hairspray* Writer/Director/Actor

**1986** Something Wild Actor

1981 Polyester Writer/Director

**1977** Desperate Living Writer/Director

**1974** Female Trouble Writer/Director

**1972** *Pink Flamingos* Writer/Director/ Actor (Voice)

1970 The Diane Linkletter Story (Short) Writer/Director

Multiple Maniacs Writer/Director

#### 1969

Mondo Trasho Writer/Director/ Actor (Voice)

**1968** Eat Your Makeup Writer/Director

1967 Roman Candles (Short) Writer/Director

1964

Hag in a Black Leather Jacket Writer/Director

#### **AWARDS & NOMINATIONS**

2023 Walk of Fame Star - Motion Picture

2022 United States Library of Congress *Hairspray* Added to the National Film Registry

#### 2021

United States Library of Congress *Pink Flamingos* Added to the National Film Registry

#### 2020

Grammy Awards *Mr. Know-It-All* Nominated -Best Spoken Word Album

Online Film Critics Society Awards Winner - Lifetime Achievement Award

#### 2019

Locarno International Film Festival Winner - Pardo d'onore Manor Award

Thessaloniki Film Festival Winner -Honorary Golden Alexander

2017

GALECA: The Society of LGBTQ Entertainment Critics Winner - Timeless Award

Writers Guild of America, East Winner -Ian McLellan Hunters Award for body of work as a writer in motion pictures or television

#### 2015

French Ministry of Culture Recognized as an Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters

Grammy Awards Carsick: John Waters Hitchhikes Across America Nominated -Best Spoken Word Album

#### 2004

GLAAD Media Awards Winner -Stephen F. Kolzak Award

#### 2003

Phoenix Film Festival Winner - Copper Wing Tribute Award

#### 1999

Provincetown International Film Festival Winner - Filmmaker on the Edge Award

#### 1998

Gijón International Film Festival *Pecker* Nominated - Best Feature

Sundance Film Festival Hairspray Nominated -Grand Jury Prize

#### 1997

Chicago Underground Film Festival Winner - Jack Smith Lifetime Achievement Award

#### 1989

Film Independent Spirit Awards *Hairspray* Nominated - Best Director Nominated - Best Screenplay



EXHIBITION NOW ON VIEW

The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures presents *John Waters: Pope of Trash*, an exhibition exploring some of the most iconic works of the provocative filmmaker John Waters.

Works on view include set decoration, costumes, props, handwritten scripts, production designs, posters, film clips, and more. The exhibition is complemented by film screenings, talks, and exclusive merchandise.



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## CONGRATULATIONS!

from Janice Hampton, Rachel Talalay and Sara Risher

## CECIL B. DEMENTED

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY JOHN WATERS EDITED BY JEFFREY WOLF, ACE



Cecil B. Demented - An insane independent film director and his renegade group of teenage filmmakers kidnap an A-list Hollywood actress and force her to star in their underground film.

Congratulations to John Waters on his Golden Eddie Award and to all the honorees and nominees



## SERIAL MOM

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY JOHN WATERS

EDITED BY JANICE HAMPTON, ACE & ERICA HUGGINS



Serial Mom - She's the perfect all-American parent: a great cook and homemaker, a devoted recycler, and a woman who'll literally kill to keep her children happy.

Pivotal Post would like to congratulate the ACE Eddie Award honorees and nominees



## CRY-BABY

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY JOHN WATERS EDITED BY JANICE HAMPTON, ACE

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*Cry-Baby* – In 1950s Baltimore, a bad boy with a heart of gold wins the love of a good girl, whose boyfriend sets out for revenge.

Tribeca West Kilroy Congratulates Golden Eddie Honoree JOHN WATERS

and all the 2024 Nominees





Crew jacket patch from Cry-Baby

I can honestly say that one of the best moments of my film career was when I was teamed up with John to do a day of publicity for *Cry-Baby*.

I had a front row seat to hear John Waters explain his outrageous but somehow sensible view of life, Baltimore, comedy and William Randolph Hearst. I never said a word.

## CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!

- Jim Abrahams

## HAIRSPRAY

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY JOHN WATERS

EDITED BY JANICE HAMPTON, ACE & CHARLES ROGGERO (Co-Editor)



Hairspray – A 'pleasantly plump' teenager teaches 1962 Baltimore a thing or two about integration after landing a spot on a local TV dance show.

Congratulations to all of this year's nominees and winners on their extraordinary work!



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#### PINK FLAMINGOS WRITTEN, DIRECTED & EDITED BY JOHN WATERS

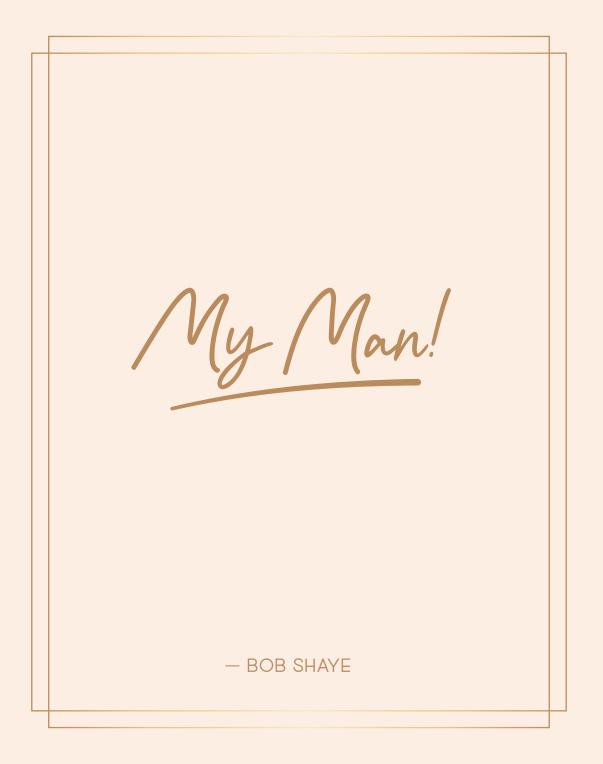


Pink Flamingos - Notorious Baltimore criminal and underground figure Divine goes up against a sleazy married couple who make a passionate attempt to humiliate her and seize her tabloid-given title as "The Filthiest Person Alive".

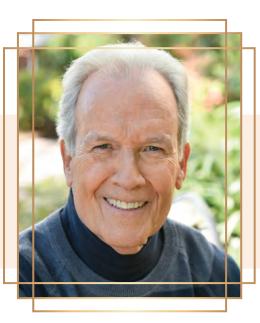
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he Heritage Award isn't bestowed every vear so when American Cinema Editors decides to add this recognition to its annual Eddie Awards roster, you know the recipient is someone of high regard. Stephen Lovejoy, ACE, is poised to receive the honor this vear "in recognition of his unwavering commitment to advancing the image of the film editor, cultivating respect for the editing profession, and tireless dedication to the American Cinema Editors," Throughout his five decades in the industry. Loveiov carved out a successful career in features, episodic television and TV movies. He also sought to give back to the profession he cares so deeply about and started teaching the next generation of editors. Additionally, he served 23 years on the ACE Board, including 5 years as treasurer.

Despite his Hollywood pedigree, it was a random request from an acquaintance in college that would redirect him to filmmaking. Lovejoy recalls, "My dad was an actor named Frank Lovejoy. He died when I was 17. He had a heart attack while on the road in New York. He was a really, really good guy. I absolutely adored him. Don't get me wrong, he didn't walk on water – but there are many things that I learned from him and took forward."

"He treated everybody the same no matter who they were or what they could do for him." Frank Lovejoy is best remembered for his scene-stealing work in the creepy *House* of *Wax*, the moody *In a Lonely Place* and the culty *The Hitch-Hiker*.

Stephen Lovejoy attended Loyola University (now Loyola Marymount) in Los Angeles where he found an affinity for philosophy, which would become his major. The teen angst that preceded his father's death and the grief that followed really put Lovejoy to the test, and learning about the nature of existence became a source of comfort and strength. By the time he was in his senior year, his grades were good, he was in love and life was much better than it was at the start.

Lovejoy was never one for the fraternity life in college, so it came as a surprise when he was approached by a fraternity to help with a project. They asked him to shoot a little movie for a Loyola carnival booth.

They reasoned that since Stephen's father was an actor, Stephen must know how to make movies. Still Stephen accepted. "[The university] didn't have a film department, but they had a 16-millimeter camera. So I teamed up with my friend Robert Perry and we made the film. What I learned from the experience was that I knew more than I thought I knew. It was strictly instinctual." Later, that movie, *Examination*, ran on television during halftime of the first (1967) Super Bowl. "They ran this little movie and had us on discussing it."

After finishing school, he was introduced to Lew Wasserman. "I got married young and [my then wife's] family had some connections, got me an interview with Lew and he was just so nice." With the exec's support, Lovejoy landed an apprentice job at Universal Studios. "In those days, you were an apprentice for four years, and then you became an assistant for four years. Then, you became an editor. That's how it worked. As an apprentice I schlepped film around to screening rooms and everything. I loved it. I'd sit there at the window and watch the dailies, and it was like, I'm home."

Not even one month had gone by before a chance encounter with an acquaintance teed up Lovejoy for greatness. He met Gordan Eckhart, an assistant on 1969's *Winning*, which starred Robert Wagner and Paul Newman, and was invited to drop by editor Ed Biery's cutting room. "Paul [Newman] was getting ready to go do another movie. He wanted to see the assembly of the Indianapolis 500 race, which was in this movie. So, they brought



Editing on Blue Skies



Editoral Team for Iceman



Receiving the ACE Eddie Award for the 1/2-hour Tales from the Crypt

on two more editors, another assistant, and they needed an apprentice. Biery said, 'Get that Love kid that's been running around here.' So, in a very short amount of time, I'm the apprentice on the biggest movie at the studio. Then, within three weeks, all the assistants were gone, because they wanted to go on to other projects. They moved me to assistant, which was unheard of. They had to, because to do the job I was doing, I had to be an assistant," explains Lovejoy.

He gushes, "The gods must have been smiling upon me because Ed Biery was really kind. He was into metaphysics. I was into philosophy, so we had this kind of thing where we would talk in the same sphere. He taught me everything I know about editing to begin with. I was a quick learner. After I'd been doing my job well for a while, he gave me a 20- or 25-second scene. 'Here, cut this, let me see what you can do.' It usually doesn't



With Bill Gordean, ACE, his best friend for 76 years

happen that fast. This was on a show called *Marcus Welby*, *M.D.*"

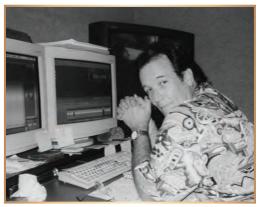
He remembers, "I was working on this scene for two or three days. Ed's sitting over in the other room kind of watching me, but trying not to watch me. I'm getting more upset and I look over and I see him kind of [laugh to himself] then go back to work. 'So, Stephen, what is the problem?' he utters as he starts walking over to me. I said, 'Well, the guy's supposed to do this thing, but I can't go off him.' [Ed] just stands next to me at the Moviola and he puts his hand on the brake and he says, 'Okay, run it.' And I run it. And 20 seconds goes by and he sees it and he says, 'Okay, back up and run it again.' And I ran it again and he hits the brake and he says, 'Mark that frame,' which I did with a grease pencil. He said, 'From there to the end of the cut. I had it put together before he even sat down and I ran it and I went. 'Damn!' He said, 'What's the matter?' I said, 'I've been working on that for four days and you fixed it in 15 seconds.' He stepped closer to me and said, 'It's 35 years and 15 seconds, Steve.'" So, he'd give me things to cut. I started editing shortly after that. He contributed so much to my life. He is the one that set me on the road."

Lovejoy closed out the '70s with a decade's worth of quality, on-the-job education. In the early '80s, the famed James Burrows, who had seen success on TV in the '70s, was hired to direct his first feature. Partners. Loveiov's colleague Danny Green was editing the quirky buddy cop picture and he was first assistant. The studio got into a rush and said they were going to bring somebody else in to help finish cut the movie. "I engineered the process and got in that position," confesses Lovejoy. "They let me stay in that position. I didn't know enough at the time that what I was doing really wasn't acceptable." Nevertheless, he completed the picture and got his first editing credit. From that point on. Loveiov didn't look back.

He hopped from genre to genre working on features like *Songwriter* with Alan Rudolph and *Born in East L.A.* with Cheech Marin. In the '90s, Lovejoy returned to television with several TV movies and some episodic shows. Most notable of these was *Tales from the Crypt*, for which he won an Eddie. The popular horror series was a hit on HBO and spawned several features as well. It also led to Lovejoy meeting a director who would become one of his most frequent and favorite collaborators.



With Ralph Winters, ACE, at the California Yacht Club working on an ACE presentation idea which became the annual event "IAVA"



Editing the Burt Reynolds series B.L. Stryker

Loveiov explains, "There's a director that I've worked with named Ernest Dickerson. Ernest worked with Spike Lee all the way up through Malcolm X as his DP. He got a chance to direct the first Tales from the Crypt movie that was called *Demon Knight*. I had been working on the series and the producer, Gil Adler, was very happy with me and he asked if I'd want to do this. I said, 'Yes!'" With 1995's Demon Knight, he had his first solo credit on a feature film and the beginning of a multi-year collaboration with director Ernest Dickerson that spanned 18 years and 13 movies (some for theatrical release and some for cable TV) the last of which was Double Play in 2016. By the time Lovejoy cut Double Play he had been fully vested in teaching film editing as well as cutting for a number of years.

When the digital transition in editing was becoming the rule, not the exception. Lovejoy realized he wanted a plan B and that he could teach editing. "With [non-linear editing], you're only limited by your imagination. Fifteen years into my editing career, I started teaching," he says.

He gushes, "I love teaching. When you see a light go on in somebody's eyes, that's what's worth it of me. If a teacher's any good, his students stand on his shoulders. 'Go get 'em!' That's the truth."

He taught at The Art Institute of California for six years and at the University of Southern California for seven years. The latter gig came about through his friend, editor Doug Ibold, ACE, and then Norman Hollyn, ACE, actually hired him for the job. Both of those ACE luminaries are gone now, but their legacy remains in all of their work and all those they taught.

As for Lovejoy's legacy, one major part of it is his progeny. "My daughter is Katie Lovejoy, and she's a screenwriter. She's fourth generation film. My grandfather worked for Deluxe Labs." Of his daughter, he relates, "She just had a movie come out called Love at First Sight on Netflix. When it came out, within two weeks, it was top in 92 countries around the world. It was based on a book. The author of the book, when she gave her interview, spoke about the things that she liked in the movie the best, which were the changes that the screenwriter brought that rounded out and focused the story. You don't get an author usually giving it up to the changes. For somebody that really makes a gigantic contribution to something, it's really nice when you hear it. Especially when it's your kid. Now, she's had four projects produced."



On the set of Robosaurus, a back door Pilot MOW for Universal

When she was younger, Lovejoy got the opportunity to take his daughter to a 3-D screening of *House of Wax* at the American Cinematheque in Hollywood. "It was the first time she saw her grandfather act on the big screen," remembers Lovejoy. "It was a big, brand-new print for a 3-D film festival. It was magic. [My family] wouldn't let me see it when I was younger. I guess they thought it was too creepy for me at the time," he laughs.

On receiving the Heritage Award, Lovejoy was completely blown away. He has witnessed ACE evolve over the decades and salutes executive director Jenni McCormick for her vision, hard work and committment to ACE. "I was there the day Jenni McCormick was hired," explains Lovejoy. "ACE is what it is today primarily because of Jenni McCormick. Absolutely. Jenni's the one that took us international. Jenni's the one that put us on the map. She's the one with boots on the ground."



Teaching editing seminar, EditFest LA, 2013



Opening Panel at EditFest LA, 2008



With Diane Adler, ACE, IAVA 2015



Presented with the ACE Leadership and Service Award, 2022

Looking toward the future of his craft, Lovejoy admits to concerns about AI. Thinking back to his days of episodic TV on the Universal lot, he divulges, "The producers knew that the editors were the ones with the keys to the kingdom back then. They'd come up to the room and go, 'What are we gonna do here?' 'We gotta fix this.' And [the editors] would with all their tricks of the trade.

"Most of the producers would take the credit for it in front of the other executives. That's how it worked. But they knew," he continues. "They were really good to their editors and very complimentary. They treated them with respect and regard." He sums up, "If the editing's really good, you don't even see it."

We may not see the cut, but we see the work. Thank you, Stephen Lovejoy, for sharing yourself with us and countless future storytellers.

#### STEPHEN LOVEJOY, ACE

FILMOGRAPHY

#### 2017

Double Play Editor

#### 2012

Smitty Editor

2006 - 2010 Eureka (TV Series) Editor

2010 Christina Editor

2009 The Beacon Editor

2007 - 2008 Las Vegas (TV Series) Editor

2006 Funny Money Editor

For One Night (TV Movie) Editor

2005 - 2006 Threshold (TV Series) Editor

#### 2005

Origins of Yoga: Quest for the Spiritual (Video) Editor

See Arnold Run (TV Movie) Editor

#### 2004

The Wonderful World of Disney (TV Series) Editor

Never Die Alone Editor

#### 2003

Good Fences (TV Movie) Editor

#### 2002

Big Shot: Confessions of a Campus Bookie (TV Movie) Editor

Monday Night Mayhem (TV Movie) Editor

Our America (TV Movie) Editor

2001 Bones Editor

#### 1999

Y2K (TV Movie) Editor

Strange Justice (TV Movie) Editor

Mutiny (TV Movie) Editor

#### 1998

The Tempest (TV Movie) Editor

Futuresport (TV Movie) Editor

Ambushed (TV Movie) Editor

Blind Faith (TV Movie) Editor

**1997** 413 Hope St (TV Series) Editor

Born Into Exile (TV Movie) Editor

#### 1996

*To Face Her Past* (TV Movie) Editor

Pandora's Clock (TV Miniseries) Editor

Bordello of Blood Editor

#### STEPHEN LOVEJOY, ACE

FILMOGRAPHY

#### 1995

Tales from the Crypt: Demon Knight Editor

#### 1994

Bandit: Bandit's Silver Angel (TV Movie) Editor

Bandit: Bandit Goes Country Editor

#### 1993

Tales from the Crypt (TV Series) Editor

**1992** Steel Justice (TV Movie) Editor

#### **1991** *911* (TV Series) Editor

Murder 101 (TV Movie) Editor

Deadly Desire (TV Movie) Editor

#### 1989 - 1990

B.L. Stryker (TV Series) Editor

1988 Off Limits Additional Editor

#### 1987

Born in East L.A. Editor

#### 1984

Songwriter Editor

Cleansweep Editor

*Iceman* Additional Editor

#### 1983

Streets of Hollywood Editor

#### 1982

Partners Editor

#### 1981

History of the World: Part 1 Assistant Editor

#### **AWARDS & NOMINATIONS**

#### 2004

American Cinema Editors Good Fences

Nominated – ACE Eddie Award Best Edited Miniseries or Movie for Non-Commercial Television

#### 2003

American Cinema Editors *Our America* Winner - ACE Eddie Award Best Edited Motion Picture for Non-Commercial Television

#### 2000

American Cinema Editors *Strange Justice* Nominated - ACE Eddie Award Best Edited Motion Picture for Non-Commercial Television

#### 1999

American Cinema Editors *The Tempest* Nominated - ACE Eddie Award Best Edited Two-Hour Movie for

#### Blind Faith

Nominated – ACE Eddie Award Best Edited Two-Hour Movie for Non-Commercial Television

Commercial Television

#### 1994

American Cinema Editors *Tales from the Crypt* "People Who Live in Brass Hearses" Winner – ACE Eddie Award Best Edited Half Hour Series for Television



#### BORDELLO OF BLOOD DIRECTED BY GILBERT ADLER EDITED BY STEPHEN LOVEJOY, ACE



Bordello of Blood – The Crypt Keeper returns to tell the story of a funeral parlor that moonlights as a vampire bordello.

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Your Brother in the Cut ERNEST D

### OUR AMERICA

DIRECTED BY ERNEST R. DICKERSON EDITED BY STEPHEN LOVEJOY, ACE



*Our America* - The true story of two African-American teen radio reporters and their documentary investigation of a notorious child murder.



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arely have activism and artistry been inter-K laced with such vigor and compassion than in Kate Amend's, ACE, body of work. Her filmography includes a roster of searing portraits (Beah: A Black Woman Speaks, directed by LisaGay Hamilton), issue-centered examinations (The Case Against 8), and shocking crimes (The Keepers). Whether it's diving into a subculture or confronting injustice, Amend revels in nonfiction filmmaking and all its inventive challenges. She has even extended her skills into academia as an adjunct professor at the University of Southern California. Yet, the prolific editor may have remained a humble teacher in the Bay Area had it not been for a documentary that lit a fire in her soul.

Amend confesses, "I didn't even know about editing or filmmaking. I got a master's in humanities around the time that the women's movement was happening. There were a lot of women filmmakers making feminist films; really strong films. I was teaching humanities at City College of San Francisco, and I used a lot of documentaries [in my lesson plan]. I learned to appreciate documentaries and documentary filmmakers. A friend and I had an idea for a documentary film, but neither one of us knew how to do that. City College had a film program, so I enrolled in some basic film classes. My love of filmmaking developed from there."

#### MEETING JUDY CHICAGO

The big turning point for Amend was viewing the 1974 documentary *Womanhouse*. The film chronicled one of the most important feminist cultural events of the decade – the 1972 Womanhouse art installation held in Los Angeles.

Womanhouse opened as part of the first Feminist Art Program at CalArts. Judy Chicago, with her co-educator artist Miriam Schapiro, worked with a group of students and local artists to transform a dilapidated house into a setting for a series of imaginative installations. During its month-long run, over 10,000 visitors came to see the exhibition, which later captured a global audience through filmmaker Johanna Demetrakas' documentary on the project.

The documentary was also a transformative event for Amend's career. "I heard Judy speak at the San Francisco Art Institute in 1978, and I thought, 'If she ever does another collaborative project, I'd love to be involved.' Then, she announced that she was doing something called The Dinner Party, and Johanna Demetrakas was making a documentary about it."

The Dinner Party is a large art installation that documents the history of women in Western civilization. It's now permanently housed at the Brooklyn Museum.

"Judy said that she was accepting working with volunteers. It was something that was just so exciting to me that I literally quit my teaching job, packed up, moved to L.A., and volunteered as a researcher on The Dinner Party."

She continues, "I became totally immersed in The Dinner Party, but also, I had to get a job. A friend got me an assistant sound editing position at a big post house in Hollywood. Those were the days when we were still working in 35mm. I was syncing dailies or helping build soundtracks. That was my first film job."

She ultimately achieved her goal of working as assistant picture editor to director Demetrakas on the film, *Right Out of History: The Making of Judy Chicago's Dinner Party*. Released in 1980 it marked Amend's first editing credit.

#### **BREAKTHROUGH CREDIT**

Her breakthrough would be Henry Jaglom's *Sitting Ducks*, for which Amend was editor Joanne D'Antonio's assistant editor. However, she was still trying to make a name for herself. Amend explains, "The first feature length film I cut was something that I did totally on spec. It was a film about women bodybuilders [*Women of Iron*]. I lived in New York for three or four months to work on it. With that, I now had



With Carol Dysinger, Lily Tomlin and Johanna Demetrakas of Feminists: What Were They Thinking?



NY Premiere of Beah: A Black Woman Speaks with Sheila Nevins, LisaGay Hamilton and Lisa Heller

a reel of my work to show and I was able to get work as a picture editor. I've never looked back."

Amend's decision to stick with documentary was a conscious one. "I've done a couple of low-budget fiction films, but I always preferred the creativity involved in documentary. You're working with all the elements. You're writing, you're composing, choreographing. It's so creative. I always joke, 'Having a script is cheating.' The flexibility to move things around and to change the structure. I find it a very stimulating and challenging process."

Despite her penchant for serious subject matter, it's the people behind that camera with her that dictate where Amend will devote her time. She explains, "I choose a film based on the director, the person I'd be working with most, more than the subject matter because it's such a collaborative process." One of these early collaborators was writer-director Mark Jonathan Harris.

"I met him on a job I was doing as an assistant editor on a film that Johanna was editing," recalls Amend. "Mark was the writer and I was the assistant. It was back in the days of working in film. I'd be in the room with the editor and the director all the time, so I got to know Mark very well. A few years later, he was asked to direct a film called *The Long Way Home* which depicts the plight of Jewish refugees after World War II. By then I had established myself as a feature documentary editor, so he asked me to cut that. It was a really compelling film to work on."

It won the 1998 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature and pushed Amend and Harris into the front ranks of documentary filmmaking. "[Producer] Deborah Oppenheimer saw Mark and me on a panel about *The Long Way Home* and approached us separately about working on *Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport*. We didn't know if we could immerse ourselves again in another film about the Holocaust, but the story was so compelling and Deborah was very convincing. The fact that it was partially her mother's story meant that she had a very personal connection to the Kindertransport, so Mark and I both came on board."

#### **OSCAR WINNING WORK**

Amend remembers fondly, "I loved working on that film. It had a different kind of challenge because there was no footage of the Kindertransport. I think there was maybe one newsreel story and that was it. The visuals were whatever photographs the people might have taken with them and saved all these years. We mixed it at Skywalker Ranch with sound designer Gary Rydstrom. Deborah and Mark build such trust



Receiving the Eddie for Into the Arms of Strangers from Christopher Guest



A collage made by Kate's cousin Ena Carroll



With some of the team from *The Case Against 8*, San Francisco 2014. © Barak Shrama/Frameline.

with the people that they're working with. Mark is such a good interviewer and good listener. People open up [to him] and the interviews were really beautifully done. Heartfelt and powerful."

This film would also go on to win the Oscar for Best Documentary Feature and garnered Amend an Eddie for Best Edited Documentary Film in 2001. She shares, "When they got the Oscar, I was in the audience. That was very cool. Mark thanked me. I came home to about 15 messages on my answering machine."

By this time, editing was undergoing its digital transition. "I'd mostly worked in 16mm," details Amend. "I have my own flatbed and my own cutting room at home. The thing about the digital revolution is that there was this nightmare period in between where we were cutting on tape. I hated that. Cutting on three-quarter tape to tape was just clumsy, inelegant and timeconsuming. You didn't want to make any wrong cuts because then you'd lose generations and your image would get worse and worse."

As for editing software, Amend's tone takes a noticeable shift. She asserts, "My first experience with non-linear was a revelation. I loved it so much because it was such a relief not to be cutting on tape. It took me a while to learn and I went through several systems including Lightworks. Christo Brock, who was my wonderful assistant on *The Long Way Home*, taught me Avid.

"My assistant editors have been really strong support systems for me," she adds. "I like to involve them and make them feel like they're part of the creative process. I get a lot of insight and help from them all. There are a few others who are working quite successfully now, like Alicia Dwyer, Monique Zavistovski, ACE, Susan Metzger and Helen Kearns, ACE. They're very strong."

#### **CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS**

Kearns was assisting Amend when she started her very successful collaboration with director Ryan White and producer Jessica Hargrave. "Sheila Nevins at HBO introduced me to Ryan and Jessica," says Amend. "We've had an incredible time working together."

In 2014 they made *The Case Against 8* about California's controversial Proposition 8, which sought to define marriage as being between a male and a female in the eyes of the state government. The passing of Prop 8 reversed a California Supreme Court decision to permit same-sex marriages earlier in 2008. The documentary follows a group of people for nearly five years as they take their case to the highest court in the land.

When editing began no one knew what the outcome of the case would be. Amend remembers, "They didn't start editing until after the case had been brought before the U.S. Supreme Court, but it hadn't been resolved yet. That decision came out three or four months later." In 2015, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs and same-sex marriage was given the same distinction as opposite sex marriages. The HBO documentary which premiered at Sundance, scored Amend an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Picture Editing for Nonfiction Programming.



A conversation with cinematographer Joan Churchill, ASC (IDA)



Inaugural Documentary Edit and Storytelling Lab, Sundance 2004. Diane Weyermann, Anna Proulx



With editor Mary Lampson at the Sundance Lab (Jill Orschel, photographer)

The creative tribe behind 8 went on to work on a biographical documentary about Serena Williams and the TV docuseries *The Keepers* and *Visible: Out on Television*.

"Ryan and I discovered we both love tennis. In the cutting room, we sometimes have to take a break to watch the U.S. Open or Wimbledon. So, the Serena job was just a no-brainer. We were definitely going to do that together. All the time that we were working on these films, he and Jessica were following *The Keepers* story. It just kept evolving and they thought they were making a feature and then it became obvious that it was much bigger than that. When Netflix got involved it became a series."

The Keepers chronicles the brutal and suspicious 1969 murder of Sister Cathy Cesnik that remains unsolved to this day. Interviews with former students and Baltimore residents detailed that shock and potential cover-up of the murder. The series received an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Documentary or Nonfiction Series in 2017. Amend has shown no signs of slowing down despite some 45 years of filmmaking. In addition to working on several projects at once, she's also a professor of editing teaching at the USC School of Cinematic Arts.

"I teach advanced documentary production and it's team-taught by five professors. I think one of the crucial things about this class, but also the way we all try to teach, is the collaboration. It's really important for everyone to be part of the process and feel like they own the film."

#### CUT FROM THE GUT

Not only does Amend know the joys of many successful film partnerships, she's also familiar with a negative work environment. She divulges, "The worst insult I ever received from a producer was that I was a pair of hands. I wasn't in the room. Somebody overheard it and told me. I really want all editors to feel part of the process, and for directors to listen to them and take them seriously."

She also stresses the benefit of watching dailies with the director and laments this happens less often than it used to. "I always loved that process of sitting with the director and just watching. I'd advise any aspiring editor to watch as much as you can or watch significant selects together with your director so that you can get each other's take on things. Part of watching dailies is having fresh eyes and responding. Be aware of your reactions. What moves you? I've been known to cry watching dailies or even laugh. It's about emotion and about the heart. I say what most editors say, 'Cut from the gut.'"

In an interview during the 2011 Vancouver Film Festival she expressed a preference for being left alone when cutting: "I do my best work when no one else is in the room because it is such an internal process. A lot of it has to do with rhythm and timing and pacing. I think those are all extremely important, and I can only feel those when I'm by myself with the material."

Her latest project may be her biggest and most personal to date. From her humble beginnings as a volunteer on The Dinner Party she is in the process of co-directing and editing



With V.P. Joe Biden at the 2016 Oscars Governors Ball; And with Mark Jonathan Harris



In her cutting room at home. Photo by Peter Zakhary.

a documentary on the life and work of Judy Chicago. "It's been an incredible experience," shares Amend. "I've had a deep commitment and friendship with Judy over the years. We're trying to get 60 years of a person's life into a feature instead of a series. That's a challenge, but we got to do it."

If you're lucky enough to have seen Kate Amend's work, you'll know how invested you become once you start watching. It could be one of the episodes of *American Experience* or the 2023 feature doc *Peter Case: A Million Miles Away* about the singer-songwriter, one of the short films she worked on with frequent collaborator Christine Fugate, or any of the compelling works in her oeuvre. She cares deeply about the subject matter and works hard to craft delicate, respectful representations.

She says, "I wanted to work on films that made a difference, that contributed to change. Work that is intended to teach and inspire." Amend has more than fulfilled that mission.

#### KATE AMEND, ACE

#### FILMOGRAPHY

#### 2023

Peter Case: A Million Miles Away Editor

Angel City (TV Series) Consulting Editor

#### 2022

*iViva Maestro!* Editor

The Art of Rebellion Story Consultant

2021 The Island in Me Consulting Editor

2020 Visible: Out on Television (TV Miniseries) Editor

Belly of the Beast Consulting Editor

#### 2019

Making Waves: The Art of Cinematic Sound Consulting Editor

2018 The Parkland Doctors Editor

Foster Editor

Dave Grusin: Not Enough Time Editor

Feminists: What Were They Thinking Editor

Kusama: Infinity Consulting Editor

#### 2017

*The Keepers* (TV Miniseries) Editor

#### 2016

*Cristina* (Short) Editor *Serena* Editor

Sands of Silence

Looking at the Stars Editing Consultant

City 40 Supervising Editor

Alive and Kicking Consulting Editor

#### 2015

Raising Ryland (Short) Editor

#### 2014

Sound of Redemption: The Frank Morgan Story Editor

The Case Against 8 Editor

#### 2013

*Folk* Editor

#### 2012

Birth Story: Ina May Gaskin and the Farm Midwives <sub>Editor</sub>

The Road We've Traveled (Short) Editor

2011

There Was Once... Editor

Crazy Wisdom: The Life & Times of Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche <sup>Editor</sup>

First Position Editor

#### 2010 One Lucky Elephant <sup>Editor</sup> S.O.S / State of Security

Editor

#### 2007 - 2010

Independent Lens (TV Series) Editorial Consultant

#### 2009

Grief Becomes Me: A Love Story Editor

American Harmony Editor

P.O.V. (TV Series) Additional Editor

#### 2006 - 2009 Independent Lens (TV Series) Editor

2007

Jimmy Carter Man from Plains Editor

The Brothers Warner (TV Movie) Editor

My Heaven (Short) Editor

Steal a Pencil for Me Editor

Sisters of Selma: Bearing Witness to Change (TV Movie) Editor

Fueling Change (Short) Editing Staff

The Paper Editing Consultant

#### 2006

*Thin* Editor

The World According to Sesame Street Editor

#### 2005

Pretty Things (TV Movie) Editor

#### KATE AMEND, ACE

FILMOGRAPHY

Grief Becomes Me (Short) Editor

Cowboy del Amor Editor

2003 - 2005 American Experience (TV Series) Editor

#### 2004

Peace by Peace: Women on the Frontlines Editor

#### 2003

Beah: A Black Woman Speaks Editor

Pandemic: Facing AIDS (TV Miniseries) Editor

#### 2002

Dylan's Run Editor

2001 Out of Line Editor

#### 2000

Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport Editor

#### 1999

Free a Man to Fight: Women Soldiers of WWII Editor

The Girl Next Door Editor

#### 1998

Tobacco Blues Editor

Some Nudity Required

#### 1997

The Long Way Home Editor

#### 1996

Mother Love (TV Movie) Editor

#### 1994

Spread the Word: The Persuasions Sing Acapella Editor

#### 1993

Come the Morning Editor

#### 1992

Innocence and Experience: The Making of "The Age of Innocence" (TV Movie) Editor

The Southern Sex (Short) Editor

American Undercover (TV Series) Editor

Asylum (TV Movie) Editor

#### 1**99**1

Danger: Kids at Work (TV Movie) Editor

#### 1988

AIDS: The Fact of Life (TV Movie) Co-Editor

Homesick (Short) Editor

#### 1984

Women of Iron Editor

#### 1980

Right Out of History: The Making of Judy Chicago's Dinner Party Additional Assistant Editor

Sitting Ducks Assistant Editor

#### **AWARDS & NOMINATIONS**

#### 2020

Beverly Hills Film Festival Dave Grusin: Not Enough Time Winner - Best Editing

#### 2015

Primetime Emmy Awards **The Case Against 8** Nominated - Outstanding Picture Editing for Nonfiction Programming

Cinema Eye Honors *The Case Against 8* Nominated - Outstanding Achievement in Editing

#### 2010

Woodstock Film Festival **One Lucky Elephant** Winner - Best Editing Shared with: Tchavdar Georgiev, ACE

#### 2005

International Documentary Association Winner - Outstanding Documentary Editing

Cine Competition Peace by Peace: Women on the Frontlines Winner - Cine Golden Eagle Professional Telecast Non-Fiction Division: People & Places Shared with: Lisa Hepner, Nisma Zaman

#### 2001

American Cinema Editors Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport Winner - ACE Eddie Award

### Thank You

#### JOHANNA DEMETRAKAS & JUDY CHICAGO

I wouldn't be on this journey of a lifetime if not for you

#### AND TO MY MANY INSPIRING FRIENDS

I've worked with along the way

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Ted Braun Jessica Hargrave Katie Flint Amanda Pope Linda Goldstein Knowlton Lisa Hepner Sara Terry **Christine Fugate** Amv Grev Diane Wevermann Marv Posatko Anna Proulx Kristin Feeley Robb Moss Helen Kearns Mary Lampson Harlow Robinson Jean Tsien Robert Holley Carol Dysinger Bess Kargman Cara Mertes

Jeryl Jagoda Tabitha Jackson Janice Engel James Egan Chelo Alvarez-Stehle NC Heikin Lorena Manriquez Juliet Mvers Yana Gorskava Lauren Greenfield Bea Gold R.J. Cutler Liz Mercado Lillian Benson Renee Taiima-Pena Fred Parnes Neda Armian Jonathan Demme Rory Kennedy Midge Costin Juli Vizza Sara Lamm Mary Wigmore

### THE CASE AGAINST 8

DIRECTED BY BEN COTNER & RYAN WHITE EDITED BY KATE AMEND, ACE



The Case Against 8 - A behind-the-scenes look inside the case to overturn California's ban on same-sex marriage. Shot over five years, the film follows the unlikely team that took the first federal marriage equality lawsuit to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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### INTO THE ARMS OF STRANGERS: STORIES OF THE KINDERTRANSPORT

DIRECTED BY MARK JONATHAN HARRIS

EDITED BY KATE AMEND, ACE



Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport - The secret smuggling of 9,300 Jewish children out of Nazi Germany in the late 1930s.

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### BEAH: A BLACK WOMAN SPEAKS

DIRECTED BY LISAGAY HAMILTON EDITED BY KATE AMEND, ACE



Beah: A Black Woman Speaks - A profile of the African-American actress Beah Richards, who was nominated for an Oscar for her performance in Guess Who's Coming to Dinner.



The Motion Picture Sound Editors Congratulates Kate Amend, ACE on her Career Achievement Award and all the honorees and nominees



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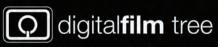
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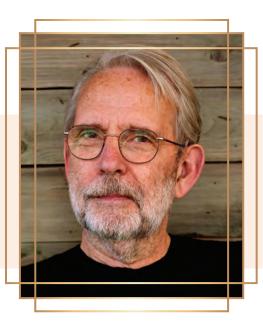








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WALTER MURCH. ACE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT HONOREE BY BOBBIE O'STEEN

W alter Murch, ACE, has aptly described himself as "a filmmaker, sound designer and ceaseless student of cinema," but his full essence and impact cannot be contained within those designations. His body of work as a sound 'wizard' and film editor, along with his lucid and eloquent writings and lectures have enriched us immeasurably. He is a kind of lab scientist studying modes of perception. He is also a lover of the arts, making the most unexpected connections among many disciplines. Most of all, Murch is an intrepid explorer, always trying to understand and explain the alchemy of filmmaking.

Murch's exploration of sound started when he was a boy growing up in New York's Morningside Heights, after he convinced his parents to buy the family a tape recorder. While his artist father used the dining room as his studio, Murch created his own workshop in his bedroom, experimenting with his new treasure: "You could cut the tape, paste the tape in different positions, turn the tape upside down, flip it over and play the sound through the back." While studying art and literature in Paris as a junior at John Hopkins University he discovered another passion: cinema, at the height of the French New Wave movement. During that period, a friend offered him a motorcycle, which he had to retrieve from a nursing student in England named Aggie. He "instantly fell in love with her and wound up with the motorcycle and the girl." They have been happily married for 58 years.

More serendipitous events soon followed. On a fellowship at USC's graduate film program, he met George Lucas, and they both ended up competing for an internship program at Warner Bros. In the moments before they went in to have their final hearing, they made a kind of Tom Sawyer/Huck Finn pact: If something good happens as a result, whoever gets it will turn around and help the other one. When Lucas won and met Francis Ford Coppola at Warner Bros., he came through on that promise, telling Murch that not only did Coppola want somebody to do the sound effects and mix on his film The Rain People, but that they were all going to move to San Francisco and start a new film company.

That company would be American Zoetrope. Free from the rigid hierarchies of the studio system at that time and inspired by foreign films, they planned to break the rules on how films were made. Murch became a "one man band" for all matters relating to sound and much of his pioneering work laid the foundation for how sound is crafted on films to this day. Zoetrope's first production was *THX 1138* (1971), based on a student film Murch and Matthew Robbins had written, which George Lucas directed, about a subterranean future world, perfect subject matter for Murch to experiment with.

On Coppola's The Godfather (1972) Murch's sound innovations had a profound effect. For instance, in the climactic scene where Michael (Al Pacino) is tasked with killing Sollozzo and McCluskey in a Bronx restaurant, Murch had the idea to use the offscreen sound of elevated trains to convey the tremendous anxiety inside Michael's head, starting with a rumbling pulse and escalating with the metallic screeching of the wheels until that moment when Michael suddenly decides to act and shoots both men. "Sound effects are like people who can travel around the world without any passports," Murch says, "which gives you more freedom, of course, to play with people's imaginations." He certainly did - and contributed to an indelible moment in cinema history.

For Lucas' film American Graffiti (1973), Murch had a new challenge. For the screenplay, Lucas wrote scenes that were each based on 42 different songs. Verna Fields, their former USC teacher and the film's co-editor said, "Walter, you've got to convince George to drop this idea of having all this music in the film. People are going to want to reach out and turn that music off."



With sister Louise and tape recorder, 1957; With bride Aggie, 1965



With George Lucas, THX days, 1970

Murch needed to find a way to keep the wall-to-wall song lyrics from competing with the dialogue. First, he and Lucas recorded a radio program with the DJ and music, then rerecorded it again from various distances and directions in Lucas' Marin County backyard. At the final mix. Murch effectively removed the sharp edges from the lyrics in relation to the dialogue's defined words by manipulating the recordings and, overall, controlling the depth of field of the sound. Murch called this method 'worldizing,' "taking a sound and exposing it to the acoustics of the world." He would continue to not only to use this method, but find creative solutions as a re-recording mixer on many films.

Murch again explored new territory on Coppola's *The Conversation* (1974), about a sound surveillance expert Harry Caul (played by Gene Hackman). "Coppola said, 'Walter, you work in sound, you're kind of like this character. Why don't you edit the picture?" Murch remembered in an interview for website *Web of Stories.* Although he had edited commercials and educational films before, this would be his first time editing a feature. The film ended up being a haunting, meditative thriller, which garnered him an Oscar nomination for sound and BAFTA wins for sound and editing (shared credits), the first of many dual accolades Murch would receive.

One of the challenges on this film was unraveling the mystery from Caul's singular point of view, and during the long hours Murch spent problem solving he also, characteristically,



Editing Apocalypse Now, 1977



Editing Cold Mountain with Anthony Minghella, 2003

analyzed his choices as a novice editor. What he found was that over and over again, when he made the mark on the film to cut, within a few frames of that cut, Hackman would blink.

Soon after that discovery, he came upon a newspaper article about director John Huston. In a Web of Stories video interview. Murch relates that Huston told The Christian Science Monitor something to the effect of, "Look at me, now look at that lamp, now you're looking at the lamp and now look at me again. Do you see what you did? In that process you blinked. That's what the cut is. The cut is a blink between two focuses of attention." ... [That made me think,] that also must be happening internally within the minds of the audience." Murch would later write about this epiphany and, overall, deconstruct why cuts work from a practical. aesthetic and philosophical perspective in his book In the Blink of an Eye (1991) - which became a gold standard of editing theory.

On Zoetrope's wildly ambitious *Apocalypse Now* (1979) Murch would again play a dual role in film editing and sound work. At one point during this years-long production Coppola told Murch he wanted four-track sound, which used four surrounding stereo speakers. Murch explained that dialogue needed to have its own "central spine, a direct projection of sound from behind the screen: a fifth speaker." Coppola also wanted the audience to feel the explosions, not just hear them and have frequencies down below the audible frequency range. They ended up, after partnering with Dolby, pioneering the use of the 5.1 format, which was invented for that film.

When Coppola asked Murch what his credit should be he decided – since he was decorating the three-dimensional space of the theater with sound, as a production designer decorates the space of the set – that he be called "sound designer." Another first. Once again, he would receive double honors: an Oscar win for sound, BAFTA nominations for editing and sound, and an Eddie nomination (with multiple editors).

Murch would continue editing and shaping sound for many different directors, such as Philip Kaufman, Fred Zinnemann, Jerry Zucker, Kathryn Bigelow – and Anthony Minghella, with whom he shared a beautiful collaboration on three films, the first of which was *The English Patient* (1996). Murch would be the only person in history to receive Oscars for both editing and sound. He also collected an Eddie win for this wondrous, epic love story; it was also the first time a digitally edited film had won these editing awards.



Mixing Youth Without Youth, 2007

At this point, 22 years into his journey as a feature editor, Murch had firmly established his cutting room set up. It was also quite unique, revealing how he fully explored the potential of the footage. He was surrounded by hundreds of stills that he captured from the footage, and when he scanned the images, he would often find "chance juxtapositions to spark something." A wall of scene cards were also on display, each color conveying an emotional 'temperature,' and their size and shape suggesting the scene's role and importance.

Edie Ichioka, ACE – then his assistant on The English Patient, who would later decide to make an illuminating documentary about Murch - says, "His notes on dailies could be: 'She looks like a banana in this.' Well, what does that mean? This is a man who speaks in the most lucid and flowery speech, but his notes are quite the opposite. He's expressing himself with the most



First day Avid editing The English Patient, 1995



Mixing Godfather II, 1974



With Ruza in Mombi's attic, Return to Oz, 1984

unvarnished emotions, as if he's reacting with the fresh eyes of an audience." Ichioka describes going in the cutting room, often finding that Murch's eyes were closed, and "he's clearly playing something in his head."

He was also, back in the mid-'80s, the first editor to stand while editing at a flatbed, so he had to lift a 600-pound KEM up on a platform he built from plywood boxes. He felt the necessity to experience what he calls "a kinesthetic thing, the whole body gets involved in the rhythms of the film." Everything in service of finding, as Ichioka describes it, those "accidental collisions. That is his secret sauce."

The 'laboratory' calm of Murch's cutting room turned out to be quite a contrast to his somewhat overwhelming experience of directing for the first time on the very ambitious *Return to Oz* (1985). Murch uses wonderfully surreal metaphors to describe this new challenge: Despite all the preparations, he shows up on set, "the door opens up and on the other side of that door, there are five acrobats in clown costumes. 'Surprise!' They throw hundreds of ping pong balls at you, and your job as director is to catch all these balls [whose colors reveal a range of outcomes: from surprisingly successful to disastrous] before they hit the ground."

The film's box office ended up being disappointing, but Murch very openly talks about this and, generally, the vagaries of the business. "You can never predict when you launch a film into the world, what its reception is going to be and how is that going to affect your life."

The most recent case in point: the last film Murch edited and also co-wrote, *Coup 53* 

(2019), a documentary about the American and British government-backed coup that brought down Iran's democratic leader in 1953. The British never admitted to their role. While researching the film Murch and director Taghi Amirani made a stunning discovery: a transcript of an explosive interview with an MI6 operative who ran the coup, which was recorded but never used for a 1980s British TV documentary. Once again, Murch used colored cards and images to explore and find structure for that interview and interweave the many narrative threads.

What followed was a series of stomachchurning ups and downs. The film premiered to much acclaim at Telluride and got what he said were "the best reviews I've ever gotten on a film." But a month after their VOD release of the film, they were hit with the threat of a defamation lawsuit for using that British spy's interview. The threatened lawsuit was eventually dismissed as groundless, but it ultimately prevented them from getting a proper release. "The wonderful part is, the film is the film that we wanted to make." It is available through online distribution and the ever-hopeful Murch is also planning, in his own meta way, to make a documentary about the making of that documentary.

Murch recently completed an inspiring new book, *Suddenly Something Clicked*, which will be published later this year and "covers more topics than *Blink*, is longer, more speculative, looking back at the last six decades of my life, of my love affair with cinema and wondering about the future of the medium."



Moviola editing, 2022



Editing Coup 53, 2018



With Taghi Amirani, director Coup 53, 2018

In his upcoming book, Murch writes about his adventures in technology: "It has been a fascinating privilege to work in cinema during this revolutionary transition, and to have those 58 years split almost equally between analogue and digital." He goes on to write that he never stops re-examining his work: "Rules are useful, but they should be broken at the right moment. So in this book I am going to break my own rules and be specific about my stylistic do's and don'ts." He also continues to contemplate the elusive magic of editing and cinema.

True to form, Murch used a compelling metaphor to communicate those mysteries, describing filmmakers as "sailors on the sea of cinema ... each film worth making is a voyage of discovery, with hidden reefs, shifting shorelines and monsters to frighten us. The hopeful prize is the discovery of new cinematic continents - even hemispheres - which make the risk of sailing uncharted seas worthwhile." And Murch's audiences are forever grateful that he continues to be our enlightened navigator.

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#### 2024

William Kentridge: My Life as a Coffee Pot (Nine Episode Series/30 Min Per) Supervising Editor

Her Name Was Moviola Writer/Performer (As Editor)

#### 2019

Coup 53 (Feature Documentary) Co-Writer/Editor

2015 Tomorrowland Co-Editor

2014 We Are Many Consulting Editor

2013 Particle Fever (Feature Documentary) Editor/Re-Recording Mixer

2012 Hemingway & Gellhorn (TV Movie) Editor

2010 The Wolfman Co-Editor

2009 *Tetro* Editor/Sound Re-Recordist

2007 Youth Without Youth Editor/Re-Recording Mixer

Seeing in the Dark (TV Movie) Sound Mixer

2005 Jarhead Editor/Re-Recording Mixer

2003 Cold Mountain Editor/Re-Recording Mixer Dickson Experimental Sound Film (Release of 1894 Short) Editor/Sound Designer

2002

K-19: The Widowmaker Editor/Re-Recording Mixer

2000 Apocalypse Now Redux Editor/Re-Recording Mixer

#### 1999

The Talented Mr. Ripley Editor/Re-Recording Mixer

Dumbarton Bridge Consulting Editor

#### 1998

Touch of Evil (Re-Edit of 1958 Film) Editor

#### 1996

The English Patient Editor/Re-Recording Mixer

#### 1995

First Knight Editor/Re-Recording Mixer

#### 1994

I Love Trouble Co-Editor

Crumb Re-Recording Mixer

**1993** *Romeo Is Bleeding* Editor/Re-Recordist

House of Cards Editor

1992 The Godfather Trilogy: 1901-1980 (Video) Editor

#### 1990

The Godfather Part III Co-Editor/Re-Recording Mixer

*Ghost* Editor/Re-Recording Mixer

1989 Call from Space (Short) Editor

#### 1988

The Unbearable Lightness of Being Editor

#### 1986

Captain EO (Short) Editor

1985 *Return to Oz* Co-Writer/Director

#### 1984

The Right Stuff Editor for Research and Development

#### 1981

Dragonslayer Sound Re-Recordist

#### 1979

Apocalypse Now Editor/Re-Recordist/ Sound Montage/Sound Designer

#### 1977

*Julia* Editor

#### 1974

The Godfather Part II Sound Montage/ Sound Re-Recordist

The Conversation Supervising Editor/ Re-Recording Sound Editor/ Sound Montage

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#### 1973

American Graffiti Re-Recording Sound Montage

#### 1972

The Godfather Post-Production Consultant (aka Sound Effects Supervisor)

#### 1<mark>97</mark>1

THX-1138 Co-Writer/Sound Montage and Re-Recording

#### 1970

Gimme Shelter Sound and Camera (Multiple Camera Shoot)

The Great Walled City of Xan (Short) Sound

#### 1969

The Rain People Sound Montage and Re-Recording

1968 The New Cinema (TV Movie) Sound

#### **AWARDS & NOMINATIONS**

#### 2022

Soundtrack Cologne Winner – Soundtrack Cologne Lifetime Achievement Award

#### 2021

United Nations Film Festival *Coup 53* Winner - Best Film Editing

#### 2020

Fajr International Film Festival *Coup 53* Best Documentary

#### 2019

SMPTE Winner - Samuel Warner Award

British Independent Film Awards **Coup 53** Nominated - Best Documentary Shared with: Taghi Amirani, Paul Zaentz

Milano International Film Festival Awards *Coup 53* Nominated - Best Editing

Cinema Verité International Documentary Film Festival *Coup 53* Audience Award

2017 20/20 Awards *The English Patient* (1997) Nominated – Best Editing

#### 2016

Stephen Hawking Medal for Science Communication **Particle Fever** Directed by Mark Levinson Winner - Walter Murch, Editor

#### 2015

Camerimage Winner - Special Award Editor with Unique Visual Sensitivity

Locarno International Film Festival Winner - Vision Award

#### 2013

American Cinema Editors Hemingway & Gellhorn Winner – ACE Eddie Award Best Edited Miniseries or Motion Picture for Television

#### 2012

Primetime Emmy Awards Hemingway & Gellhorn Nominated - Outstanding Single-Camera Picture Editing for a Miniseries or a Movie

Satellite Awards Winner - Nikola Tesla Award

#### 2011

MPSE Career Achievement Award

20/20 Awards **The Godfather Part III (1990)** Nominated - Best Film Editing Shared with: Lisa Fruchtman, Barry Malkin, ACE

#### 2006

Online Film & Television Association Winner - Film Hall of Fame Behind the Scenes, Editing

Telluride Film Festival Winner - Silver Medallion Award

#### 2005

Hollywood Film Awards Jarhead Winner - Editor of the Year

Online Film & Television Association Winner - Film Hall of Fame Behind the Scenes, Sound Design

Satellite Awards Jarhead Nominated -Outstanding Film Editing

#### 2004

Academy Awards *Cold Mountain* Nominated - Best Film Editing

American Cinema Editors *Cold Mountain* Nominated - ACE Eddie Award Best Edited Feature Film-Dramatic

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#### BAFTA Awards Cold Mountain

Nominated - Best Editing Nominated - Best Sound Shared with: Eddy Joseph, Ivan Sharrock, Mike Prestwood, Matthew Gough

#### 2000

American Cinema Editors *The Talented Mr. Ripley* Nominated – ACE Eddie Award Best Edited Feature Film-Dramatic

#### Online Film &

Television Association *The Talented Mr. Ripley* Nominated - Best Film Editing

Satellite Award *The Talented Mr. Ripley* Nominated - Golden Satellite Best Film Editing

#### 1999

National Society of Film Critics Awards **Touch of Evil** Winner - Special Citation Shared with: Rick Schmidlin, Bob O'Neil, Jonathan Rosenbaum

#### 1998

Cinequest San Jose Film Festival Winner - Maverick Tribute Award

#### 1997

#### Academy Awards

The English Patient Winner - Best Film Editing (First digitally-edited film to win for Best Editing) Winner - Best Sound Shared with: Mark Berger, David Parker, Christopher Newman

American Cinema Editors *The English Patient* Winner - ACE Eddie Award Best Edited Feature Film

#### BAFTA Awards The English Patient

Nominated - Best Editing Nominated - Best Sound Shared with: Mark Berger, Pat Jackson, Christopher Newman, David Parker, Ivan Sharrock

Cinema Audio Society *The English Patient* Winner – Outstanding Achievement in Sound Mixing for Feature Films Shared with: Mark Berger, David Parker, Christopher Newman

#### Online Film &

Television Association *The English Patient* Nominated - Best Film Editing

Satellite Award *The English Patient* Nominated - Golden Satellite Best Film Editing

#### 1996

Awards Circuit Community Awards *The English Patient* Nominated - Best Film Editing

#### 1994

Cinema Audio Society Winner -Career Achievement Award

#### 1991

Academy Awards Ghost Nominated -Best Film Editing

The Godfather Part III Nominated - Best Film Editing Shared with: Barry Malkin, ACE, Lisa Fruchtman

#### American Cinema Editors *Ghost*

Nominated - ACE Eddie Award Best Edited Feature Film

#### 1980

BAFTA Awards *Apocalypse Now* Nominated - Best Editing Shared with: Lisa Fruchtman, Gerald B. Greenberg, ACE, Richard Marks, ACE

#### American Cinema Editors *Apocalypse Now*

Nominated - ACE Eddie Award Best Edited Feature Film Shared with: Lisa Fruchtman, Gerald B. Greenberg, ACE, Richard Marks, ACE

#### 1978

Academy Awards Julia Nominated - Best Film Editing

BAFTA Awards Julia Nominated - Best Film Editing

#### 1975

Academy Awards The Conversation Nominated - Best Sound Shared with: Art Rochester

BAFTA Awards **The Conversation** Winner - Best Film Editing Shared with: Richard Chew, ACE Winner - Best Film Sound Shared with: Art Rochester

#### 1**972**

Hugo Awards **THX 1138** Nominated – Best Dramatic Presentation Shared with: George Lucas

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### SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES ON WALTER MURCH, ACE

The English Patient Editing Oscar First Oscar granted to a digitally-edited film (Avid Media Composer) 1997

#### Nine Oscar Nominations, Three Wins

- Two for best sound:
- Apocalypse Now
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The English Patient Best Sound and Best Editing Oscars The only time Oscar granted Best Sound and Best Editing to the same person for work on the same film (1997)

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The Only Person Nominated for Best Editing for Work on Four Different Platforms:

- Julia (Moviola)
- Apocalypse Now (KEM)
- The English Patient
- (Avid Media Composer) - Cold Mountain
- (Apple Final Cut Pro)

#### Awarded Four Honorary Doctorates

- Emily Carr (2006);
- University of Southampton (2016)
- University of Hertfordshire (2018);
- Ravensbourne University (to be granted in 2024)

#### Written or Collaborated in the Writing of Four Books on Film Editing and Cinema

- In the Blink of an Eye Walter Murch author (1995)
- The Conversations: Walter Murch and the Art of Editing Film Michael Ondaatje, author (2002)
- Behind the Seen Charles Koppelman, author (2005)
- Suddenly Something Clicked Walter Murch, author (to be published in 2024 by Faber and Faber)

#### Edited and Restored First Ever Film with a Soundtrack

Edison and Dickson's Experimental Sound Film (1894).

Four Career Achievement Awards: CAS (1994), MPSE (2011), SMPTE (2019) and now ACE (2024)

A Class at NYU Tisch Film School Dedicated to Studying the Work and Theories of Walter Murch (2014-2022): *Walter Murch: Portrait of an Artist* The only time a class at NYU Tisch has been dedicated to studying the work of a living filmmaker. www.coursicle.com/nyu/courses/ OARTUT/901/

#### Only Film Editor to Be Made Cinema Mentor in the Rolex Arts Initiative Program (2012)

Following previous mentors Zhang Yimou and Martin Scorsese and followed by mentors Alfonso Cuarón and Alejandro Iñárritu

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Walter Murch occupies a singular, if not unique position in our cinema constellation as "Chief Philosopher," which he merits from his own personal credentials as a thinker, scientist, philosopher, artist, and innovator. "Sound design" was only one of his overflow of ideas. I was present when he gleaned phrases or came up with concepts that are now enlarged and actively in effect. I have had the privilege and pleasure to work alongside his extraordinary talent and have learned much from him. The countless films he has crafted, influenced, including a few that he created such as "Return to Oz." continue to exist for the enjoyment of everyone. The simple answer is "Yes" to the bigger question, "Is Walter Murch cinema's own beloved and admired Chief Philosopher?"

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Walter Murch, ACE

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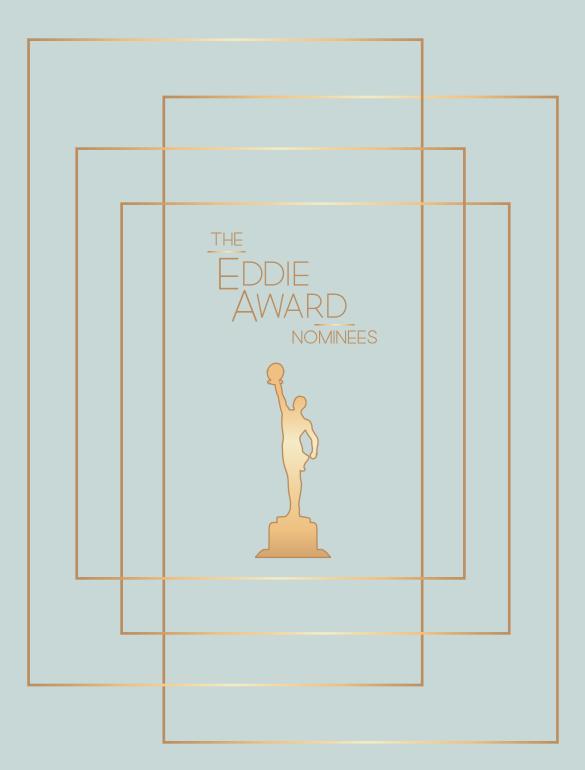
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THE BEAR "Forks" ADAM EPSTEIN, ACE

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AHSOKA "Fallen Jedi" DANA E. GLAUBERMAN, ACE

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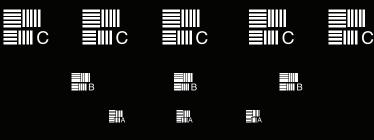
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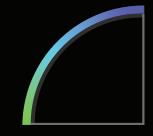
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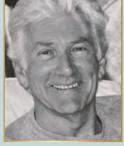
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