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Representative Sample of Shows Cast:

2016 – My 90 Year-Old Roommate; web series for CBC; Producers - Aeschylus Poulos and Lauren Corber;
Director - Rob Stefaniuk

2016 – Crown and Anchor; Toronto casting for feature film; Producers - Vince Buda, Matt Wells, Andrew Rowe;
Director - Andrew Rowe

2016 – 1989; feature film; Producers -Sebastian Barriuso, Lindsay Gossling, Karen Harnisch; Directors - Rodrigo
& Sebastian Barriuso; Canadian casting of all Russian speaking actors for shoot in Havana Cuba

2016 – SISTER ELISABETH; feature film; Producer – Pitchstream Media; Director – George Rethy

2016 – BROWN GIRL IN THE RING; feature film; Producers – Floyd Kane, Vince Buda; Director – Sharon
Lewis

2015 – PYOTR495 – BravoFact short film; Producers – Peter Harvey, Laura Mauro; Director – Blake Mawson

2015 – CRAZY HOUSE – short film; Producers – Miriam Levin-Gold, Aaron Mirkin; Director – Aaron Mirkin

2015 – PORTAL TO HELL – Astral Shorts to Feature Program; Executive Producers – Todd Brown, Andrew
Rosen; Director – Vivieno Caldini

2014 – TOI ET MOI – series for Radio Canada, Toronto Casting (in French); Producers – Marie-Dominique
Michaud, Marie-Pierre Gariepy; Director – Martin Cadotte

2014 – CARMILLA – web series for Smokebomb Entertainment; Producers – Ted Biggs, Steph Ouaknine;
Director – Spencer Maybee

2014 – LOOK AGAIN – feature film; Producers – Nicholas Tabarrok, Joe Rosenberg; Director – Daniel
O’Connor

2014 – NATASHA – feature film (in Russian); Producers – Bill Marks, Julia Rosenberg; Director –David
Bezmozgis

2013 - LESS THAN SATISFACTORY – webseries; Producers - William Preventis, Elizabeth Lee,
Zachary Rintoul, Jacqueline Twomey; Director -Zachary Rintoul

2013 – UNLIKELY HEROES – webseries for Smokebomb Entertainment and Shaftsbury Films; YTV.com;
Producer – Jay Bennett

2012 – THE KHOURIS – sitcom pilot for CBC; DHX Media;
Producers – Michael Donovan, Tracey Jardine, Tim McAuliffe

2012 – THE PIN – Feature Film (in Yiddish) written and directed by Naomi Jaye

2010/11/12 - KING - series for Global television; Indian Grove Productions;
Producers - Bernard Zukerman and Greg Spottiswood; Director - Clark Johnson and various
Original casting , 2 seasons. 22 episodes

2010 - JOHN A - THE RIVALS - m.o.w. for CBC; Muse Entertainment and Indian Grove Productions
Producer - Bernard Zukerman; Director - Jerry Ciccoritti

2009/10 – LIVING IN YOUR CAR - television series for TMN and Movie Central;
Producers - George F. Walker and Dani Romain; Director - David Steinberg and various;
Original casting, 21 episodes **Nomination for Gemini Award for Best Achievement in Casting**

2008/09 - THE LINE - original casting & 16 episode series for TMN; The Nightingale Company;
Producers - Debbie Nightingale, George F. Walker, Dani Romain; Director - Gail Harvey
Winner of the Gemini Award for Best Achievement in casting

2008 - THE BRIDGE – m.o.w. pilot for CTV and CBS;
Producers - Laszlo Barna, Adam Shully, Craig Bromell, Alan DiFiore Director - John Fawcett

2006/07/08 - LITTLE MOSQUE ON THE PRAIRIE – original casting & 48 episodes for CBC;
West Wind Pictures; Producers - Michael Snook, Mary Darling, Clark Donnelly, Al Magee

2007 - HEAVEN ON EARTH - feature film; Producer - David Hamilton; Director - Deepa Mehta

2007 - AIR INDIA 182 - docudrama for CBC; Producer - David York; Director - Sturla Gunnarsson

2006 - THE CALL - one hour series pilot for CBC; Indian Grove Productions;
Producer - Bernard Zukerman; Director - Jerry Ciccoritti

2006 - VICTOR - m.o.w. for CBC; Indian Grove Productions;
Producer - Bernard Zukerman; Director - Jerry Ciccoritti

2006 - THE MAGIC FLUTE - feature film of an opera within a film starring Opera Atelier; Sullivan Entertainment
Producer and Director - Kevin Sullivan

2003/04/05 - THIS IS WONDERLAND - television series for CBC; Muse Entertainment and Indian Grove
Productions; original casting and 39 episodes; Producers - Bernard Zukerman, Michael Prupas, George
F. Walker, Dani Romain; 22 Gemini nominations for actors in first two seasons
Nomination for Gemini Award for Best Achievement in Casting

2005 - PLAYING HOUSE - m.o.w. for CTV; Blueprint Entertainment;
Producers - Anne Marie Latraverse; Director - Kelly Makin

2005 - THE SNOW QUEEN - m.o.w. for BBC & CBC; Amberwood Productions & Total Eclipse TV U.K.
Producers - Sheldon Wiseman, David Mercer, Paul Joyce; Director - Julian Gibbs

2004 - PLAGUE CITY - m.o.w. for CTV; Slanted Wheel Entertainment;
Producers - Jon Slan, Wendy Grean; Director - David Wu

2004 - ENDGAME IN KOSOVO: THE LOUISE ARBOUR STORY - m.o.w. for CTV
Galafilm Inc. & Tatfilms, Germany; Producer - Anne Marie Latraverse; Director - Charles Binamé

2004 - TRIPPING THE WIRE - m.o.w. For CTV; Galafilm Inc.
Producers - Anne Marie Latraverse, Ronald Gilbert; Director - Stephen Surjik
Gemini Award - Best TV Movie of the year

- 2004 - NIAGARA MOTEL - feature film; Muse Entertainment and Indian Grove Productions;
Producers - Bernard Zukerman, Michael Prupas, George F. Walker, Dani Romain;
Director - G.B. Yates
- 2000/01/02/03 - BLUE MURDER - television series for Global; Barna-Alper Productions;
original casting and 52 episodes ; Producers - Laszlo Barna, Steve Lucas, Norman Denver;
25 Gemini nominations for actors
- 2002 - THE DEATH AND LIFE OF NANCY EATON; m.o.w. for CTV;
Studio 8 London & Indian Grove Productions; Producer - Bernard Zukerman; Director - Jerry Ciccoritti
- 2002 - CHASING CAIN II: FACE - m.o.w. for CBC; Muse Entertainment & Indian Grove Productions;
Producer - Bernard Zukerman; Director - Jerry Ciccoritti
- 2002 - THE MANY TRIALS OF ONE JANE DOE - m.o.w. for CBC; Indian Grove Productions;
Producer - Bernard Zukerman; Director - Jerry Ciccoritti
- 2001 - JULIE WALKING HOME - feature film; The Film Works;
Executive Producer - Victor Solnicki; Producer - Paul Stephens; Director - Agnieszka Holland
- 2000 - SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL - cable feature for E! Entertainment Television;
Producers - Lynn Deegan, James Shavick, Shawn Williamson; Director - Richard Martin;
Starring - Kathie Lee Gifford and Howie Mandel
- 2000 - CHASING CAIN - m.o.w. for CBC; Salter Street Films and Zukerman Productions;
Producer - Bernard Zukerman; Director - Jerry Ciccoritti
- 2000 - STUART PATTERSON - SUPER HERO - series for BBC Television; Sullivan Entertainment;
original casting and 13 episodes; Producer - Kevin Sullivan
- 1999 - LOVE COME DOWN - feature film; The Film Works;
Executive Producer - Victor Solnicki; Producer - Eric Jordan; Written & Directed by Clement Virgo
- 1999 - THE PIANO MAN'S DAUGHTER - feature film; Sullivan Entertainment;
Executive Producer - Whoopi Goldberg; Producer, writer and director - Kevin Sullivan;
- 1997 - 1999 - WIND AT MY BACK - series for CBC television; Sullivan Entertainment;
39 episodes - Producers - Raymond Storey, John Boni
- 1998 - MAGIC ADVENTURES - 6 adventure films shot in Bucharest Romania;
Kushner-Locke Company, Chesler/Perlmutter & Castel Films of Romania;
Directors - Phil Comeau, James Head, Martin Wood, George Erschbamer, Philippe Browning,
Victoria Musprat
- 1998 - DIRECTION CANADA - 4-hour mini-series for German television network NDF;
Producer - Christine Carben-Stotz; Director - Karola Zeisberg
- 1998 - TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN - feature film; Upstart Pictures;
Producers - Suzanne Berger, Phil Bedard , Larry Lalonde; Director - John Paizs;
Starring Campbell Scott & Tom Everett Scott
- 1995 - 1998 - Casting Director-in-Residence; Norman Jewison's Canadian Film Centre
- 1997 - MADELINE - feature for Sony TriStar; Producers - Stanley Jaffe, Allyn Stewart; Director - Daisy Mayer
conducted province-wide search for the 9 year old star
- 1997 - THE PLANET OF JUNIOR BROWN - m.o.w. for CBC & The Film Works;
Producers - Eric Jordan, Paul Stephens; Written and Directed by Clement Virgo

1996 - THE HANGING GARDEN - feature film; Triptych Media;
Producer - Louise Garfield; Written and Directed by Thom Fitzgerald;
1997 Genie Awards - Best Supporting Actor: Peter MacNeill
- Best Supporting Actress: Seana McKenna

1996 - THE ADVENTURES OF SINBAD - syndicated television series - original casting and 22 episodes;
Atlantis Films and All American Television; Producer - Jonathan Hackett

1996 - PEACEKEEPERS - m.o.w. for CBC; Producer - David Barlow; Director - Brad Turner

1996 - READY OR NOT - series for Global Television & The Disney Channel; Insight Productions;
Producer - Moira Holmes

1995/96 - MY LIFE AS A DOG - series for Showtime and T.M.N. - Producer - Kim Todd;
original casting and 22 episodes

1995 - RUDE - feature film for the CFC Feature Film Project;
Producers - Damon D'Oliveira, Karen King; Written and Directed by Clement Virgo

1994 - HARLEQUIN ROMANCE movies of the week for CBS; Producer - Jim Henshaw;
Directors - Charles Jarrott, Steven Stern, Donna Deitch, Michael Kennedy

1994 - DARK EYES - series pilot for ABC; Starring Kelly McGillis
Producers - Barbara Samuels, Wayne Grigsby; Director - Nancy Savoca;

1994 - THE MIGHTY JUNGLE - series for Family Channel U.S. and CTV - 26 episodes;
Executive Producer - Bernie Orenstein

1994 - BOULEVARD - feature film for Norstar Entertainment;
Producer - Ray Sagar; Director - Penelope Buitenhaus

1993 - SUSANNAH OF THE MOUNTIES - series for YTV; Producer - Alliance Entertainment;
cross-Canada search for the 10-year-old series lead; open calls in 8 cities - auditioned 2500 girls

1993 - ATOMIC TOMMY - series pilot for Nickelodeon; Producer - John Delmage; Director - Ron Oliver

1992/93 - E.N.G - series for CTV - 18 episodes; Producer - Alliance Entertainment

1992 - THE SOUND AND THE SILENCE - 4 hr TV mini-series; Atlantis Films & South Pacific Pictures;
Producer - Kim Todd; Director - John Kent Harrison

1991 - OH! WHAT A NIGHT- feature film for Norstar Entertainment; Producer - Ilana Frank; Director - Eric Till

1991 - DROP DEAD GORGEOUS - feature film for the USA Cable Network;
Producer - Julian Marks; Director - Paul Lynch

1990 - TOP COPS - television series for syndication - 50 episodes; Producer - Sonny Grosso;

1987 - THE KING CHRONICLE - six hour mini-series for CBC and The National Film Board;
Producer - Adam Symanski; Written and Directed by Donald Brittain

1984/87 - SEEING THINGS - series for CBC - 4 seasons;
Producers - Louis Del Grande, David Barlow;
GEMINI Awards for Best Comedy Series 1986 and 1987

1985 - CANADA'S SWEETHEART; THE SAGA OF HAL C. BANKS;
movie of the week for CBC and The National Film Board;
Producer - Adam Symanski; Written and Directed by Donald Brittain;
ACTRA Award - Maury Chaykin - Best Actor 1985;
ANIK Award - Best Television Program 1985

1985 - THE OTHER KINGDOM - movie of the week for CBC; Producer - Jeannine Locke;
Director - Vic Sarin;
ACTRA Award - Leueen Willoughby - Best Actress 1985

1984 - CHARLIE GRANT'S WAR - movie of the week for CBC; Producer - Bill Gough;
Director - Vic Sarin;
ACTRA Award - Best Television Show 1984;
ANIK Award - Best Television Program 1984

1982 - THE WORDSMITH - movie of the week for CBC; Producer - Robert Sherrin; Director - Claude Jutra

1981 - A FAR CRY FROM HOME - movie of the week for CBC;
Producer - Anne Frank; Director - Gordon Pinsent;
ACTRA Award - Richard Monette - Best Actor 1981

1981 - THE STREET - movie of the week for CBC; Producer - Robert Sherrin; Director - Claude Jutra

1980 - A MATTER OF CHOICE - movie of the week for CBC;
Producer - Anne Frank; Director - Francis Mankiewicz

1980/81 - FLAPPERS - series for CBC - original casting and 2 seasons; Producer, Jack Humphrey
1979/80 - KING OF KENSINGTON - series for CBC - 2 seasons; Producer - Jack Humphrey

1975/78 - SIDESTREET - series for CBC - 4 seasons; Producer - Brian Walker
Assisted in the casting of roles in French productions for both film and television for directors
Robert Lepage, Robert Ménard and André Melançon among others.

Commercials, Industrial, and Sponsored Films in both English and French - lists available on request.

Theatre (Casting Consultant):

HUMAN REMAINS - Bathurst Street Theatre
EVE - Stratford Festival; Producer - John Hirsch
THE GLASS MENAGERIE - Stratford Festival; Producer - John Hirsch

Related Experience:

COLLEGE TEACHER

Seneca College

2014 - 2017 – second year course, Auditioning for Camera: audition techniques for film, television and commercials, in the department of Communication Arts

Sheridan College

2012 – 2017 – Auditioning for Camera for 4th year students in Advanced Television and Film Program for producers and directors

AUTHOR - 2004 - *You Got the Part! A Casting Director Guides Actors to Successful Auditions for Film and TV*
Published by J. Gordon Shillingford Publishing Inc.

SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP LEADER - 1991 to the present

- organize, market, and teach workshops for professional actors on auditioning for camera
- have conducted seminars at York University, Ryerson University, George Brown College, Sheridan College, Humber College and several acting studios as well as the Summer Institute of Film and Television (Ottawa) for actors, writers, producers and directors

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER CBC TV Drama - 1987/1990

- developed and wrote proposals, scripts, story ideas for movies, series, sitcoms, individual series episodes
- developed projects with Producers David Barlow, Martin Wiener, Bernard Zukerman, and Donald Brittain

1988 - BREAKING ALL THE RULES: THE CREATION OF TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Director - David Barlow; Producers - David Barlow, Martin Wiener

1987 - SKATE! - Director - Randy Bradshaw; Producer - Alan Burke

SCRIPT CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR - CBC TV Drama - 1985/86

Responsibilities included:

- contract negotiations for all writers, story editors, and story consultants for all TV Drama productions
- acquisition of rights for all properties optioned, bought or adapted for television
- administered script inventory budget of over \$1,000,000

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Advisory Committee to the George Brown College Theatre School

Casting Directors Society of Canada (C.D.C.) - co-chair

Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television

Women in Film and Television (Toronto)

Acting and Modelling Information Service (AMIS) Steering Committee

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT:

High School Teacher - French and Physical Education - Harbord Collegiate, Toronto 1971-75

EDUCATION: B.A., B.Ed., Masters (French) - fluent in both English and French

References available upon request.