

MICHAEL ALLAN ZINBERG

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Michael Zinberg is a Director, Writer and Producer of prime-time television dramas, comedies and movies. Moving to Los Angeles in the summer of 1968, he began his award-winning career as an usher at CBS-Television City, and as a writer and production assistant. He soon became Associate Producer of NICHOLS, starring James Garner. He then joined the Mary Tyler Moore (MTM) Company (72), where he wrote, produced and directed The Bob Newhart Show (Six Seasons) and worked on MTM's other series, including the Mary Tyler Moore Show.

From MTM he took his first turn at NBC as VP Program Development (79-81), bringing Hill Street Blues, and Cheers to air. Later, as President NBC-P (93-95), he supervised Homicide, JAG and all NBC Late Night programming. His time at the Network gave him unique insight as a Writer and Creator-Producer, but he always saw himself primarily a Director.

His Directing career includes shows in every format, many of which he wrote and produced. Among them, Newhart, WKRP in Cincinnati, Family Ties, Taxi, The Yellow Rose, Til I Kissed Ya (MOW), Cold Steel & Neon, The Practice, Everybody Loves Raymond, Midnight Caller, Gilmore Girls, NCIS, LOST, Rizzoli & Isles, Private Practice, The Unit, Lie To Me, NCIS New Orleans, The Michael Fox Show, The Blacklist and The Good Wife. He received the Directors Guild of America Award for Outstanding Directing in Television Drama for the Viet Nam Trilogy of QUANTUM LEAP, a series he also Executive Produced.

A four time Emmy nominee, he received The Lifetime Achievement Award from The Caucus of Writers, Producers and Directors. Mr. Zinberg is a 40-year member of the DGA and serves on its Board, The Western Directors Council and is Co-Chair of the DGA Television Creative Rights Committee. He is a Life Member of The Writers Guild of America, West. A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin (RTF and English), he is the recipient of The Young Texas Exes Award (83), The College of Communication Outstanding Alumnus Award (94), and served several terms on the UT College of Communication Foundation Advisory Council. He is married to Leslie F. Zinberg, a Writer and Designer, and they reside in Los Angeles and New York.