

## **John Ziffren**

John Ziffren has worked in the entertainment industry for over thirty years having served as the Producer, Executive Producer, Senior Production Executive or Head of Production on over two thousand episodes of broadcast and streaming programming. Included in John's many credits is The Larry Sanders Show for which he received five Emmy nominations, six Cable Ace awards and a Peabody award. In addition to his television experience, John served as Head of Production for z.com, an Internet entertainment company leveraging the combined resources of Brillstein-Grey, 3 Arts Entertainment, Idealab and industry leading talent. Under his supervision, the enterprise produced over sixty interactive series covering a full spectrum of program types and production styles.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, John attended the Film School of the University of Southern California. After graduation, he began his affiliation with Spelling/Goldberg Productions which continued for almost ten years. He spent the next several years working as a freelance producer before joining Brillstein-Grey where he spent nine years producing as well as building and supervising their television production enterprise. He then spent seven years developing and producing pilots and series at Twentieth Century Fox Television followed by eight years at ABC Family building their production entity and serving as Executive Producer and Vice President of Production on over two dozen pilots and series. He then served as the Executive Vice President of Production for ABC Signature (formerly ABC Studios), where he led the production and post production departments for all tiers of scripted television programming including streaming, broadcast and premium and basic cable. He is currently the Executive Vice President of Production for Disney Entertainment Television providing production and post production leadership for Hulu, Disney+ and ABC.

John has been very involved in the entertainment industry as well as community activities. As a member of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, he was elected five times to the Board of Governors and served four terms as the Chairman of the National Awards Committee, served eight terms on the Producers Peer Group Executive Committee, served on the TEC Council and participated in the formation of the Interactive Media Peer Group. He served on the Board of Directors of the LA84 Foundation, was Co Chair of their Long Range Planning Committee and was Chair of the Marketing and Development Committee. He twice served as President of the Television Series Jury at the Monte-Carlo Television Festival, served on the Board of Advisors of the AFI/Intel Enhanced Television Workshop and participated on multiple committees of the Producers Guild of America. He had extensive involvement with the American Association of Producers, the Los Angeles Free Clinic, The Oakwood School where he sat on the Board of Trustees for over a decade and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Skirball Cultural Center.

John is married with two children to the award winning television and film producer Michele Rappaport.