

DEBRA DRAGOTTO

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Entertainment industry leader experienced in developing and creating insightful works for television and film, foresee trends, design and head departments, hire and fire, multitask, come in on time and budget, process notes, conduct on-camera, telephone, and in-person interviews, write scripts and intros for broadcast, create and research story ideas, scout prospective talent, audition and direct talent, as all as work creatively with others, including executive producers, network, and corporate sponsors.

TELEVISION & FILM CREDITS

2007-2011

DIRECTOR *BIG DOUGH* (reality sizzle reel)
DIRECTOR / CREATOR *PATSY'S PLACE* (sitcom pilot & trailer)
DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE Kirkwood Entertainment, Inc.

2000-2006

CASTING DIRECTOR The WB / Andrew Solt Productions
TOP OF THE POPS (Host casting)
TALENT PRODUCER The WB / Lions Gate Television / **Brady Connell**
NO BOUNDARIES COMBAT MISSIONS
TALENT PRODUCER USA Network / **Mark Burnett**
CO-PRODUCER **Brad Lachman Prod.** / Fox Television
LOYALTIES (prime time special in development)
PRODUCER and **Scott Sternberg** Productions / Studios USA
TALENT PRODUCER *LOVER OR LOSER*
TALENT CONSULTANT Wheeler / Sussman Productions
ONE WITH EVERYONE (pilot)
ONE AGAINST THE WORLD (pilot – Hosted by **Jerry Springer**)
CONSULTING PRODUCER Fisher / Merlis Television, Inc.
FOCUS (pilot)
TALENT PRODUCER Because Be Can Prod. / Fox Television / **Mark Cronin**
GENDER GAP (pilot presentation)
TALENT PRODUCER Dawn Prod. / **Dick Clark** Productions
THE GAME (pilot)
1998 – 1999
TALENT PRODUCER Sony / Gameshow Network / **Phil Gurin**, The Gurin Co.
THE ALL NEW 3'S A CROWD (Hosted by **Alan Thicke**)
CO-PRODUCER **Scott Sternberg** Productions / Sony / Telemundo
BUSCADO PAREJA (SPANISH DATING GAME)
CO-PRODUCER **Scott Sternberg** Productions / Sony / Telemundo
LOS RECIEN CASADOS (SPANISH NEWLYWED GAME)
WRITER (no credit) **Scott Sternberg** Productions / Telemundo
PIRAMIDE DEL LA SUERTE (pilot)
(THOUSAND DOLLAR PYRAMID)

1996 – 1998

CO-PRODUCER Buena Vista Television / **Michael Davies**
GOOD NEWS / BAD NEWS

DIRECTOR / WRITER *THE DESIRE* (Feature Short)

COORDINATING PRODUCER Wheeler / Sussman Productions
IDENTITY CRISIS (pilot)
PEER PRESSURE (pilot)
PLAY FOR VIEW (pilot)
WAKE UP CALL (pilot)

TALENT PRODUCER **Eric Lieber** Productions / TelePictures
LOVE CONNECTION

TALENT PRODUCER Buena Vista / **Michael Davies**
DEBT (2 seasons – Hosted by **Wink Martindale**)

TALENT PRODUCER Tribune Entertainment / Scott St. John
SWAPS

TALENT PRODUCER Rysher Entertainment
ELIGIBLE (pilot)

TALENT PRODUCER Alex Entertainment / FX
LOST AND FOUND

1993 – 1995

CASTING DIRECTOR D&D Casting (Co-owner)
Film, Television, Commercial, Industrial, Music Video,
Infomercial, and Theatre

CASTING CONSULTANT **Eric Lieber** Productions / New World
SPLITS VILLE (pilot)

RESEARCHER Rubber Band Productions / Partners/ Scott St. John
MOMENT OF TRUTH Station Network (pilot)

SEGMENT COORDINATOR Hill – Eubanks Group, Inc.
INFATUATION (Hosted by **Bob Eubanks**)

TALENT COORDINATOR **Ralph Edwards** / **Stu Billett** Productions
BRING ON THE BOYS (pilot)

TALENT COORDINATOR **Ralph Edwards** / **Stu Billett** Productions
LOVE STORIES

EDUCATION: UCLA, School of Television, Film & Theatre (**M.F.A. - Screenwriting**)
UCLA Extension – Dept. of Film & Television
School of Visual Arts, NYC – Film Production
London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts
Hofstra University (**B.F.A. – Drama**)

AWARDS: Numerous Drama-Logue Awards for Direction in Theatre
Jack K. Sauter Award for Artistic Merit-UCLA
“The Desire” – Director, selected for screening at the Women in Film International Film Festival

RELATED EXPERIENCE: Acting, Directing, and Screenwriting Instructor –
The New York Film Academy, Universal City