EONARD SOLOWAY'S BROADWAY

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## <u>Synopsis</u>

Leonard Soloway's Broadway is a feature documentary. Through interviews, photos and other archival material this project captures a Broadway few ever see, from the vantage of one of the most admired and loved Broadway Producers and General Managers you've probably never heard of. This film is an inside look at the "business" of "show business". In a career that has spanned more than seventy years, Soloway has been involved with over 150 productions, including Waiting in the Wings with Lauren Bacall and Rosemary Harris, How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, Jerome Robbins' Broadway, A Moon For the Misbegotten and Mark Twain Tonight! with Hal Holbrook. Those and many of his other productions collected more than 40 Tony Awards, 21 Drama Desk Awards and two Pulitzer Prizes. In addition to launching many careers from performers to craftspeople, he has worked with veteran stage actors including Jason Robards and Colleen Dewhurst as well as film star Paul Newman whose revival of the classic "Our Town" on Broadway was facilitated by Mr. Soloway. At the age of 90, Leonard Soloway's love for the theatre has not dimmed. As he faces the challenges of a new production, from raising money to weathering the anticipation of reviews, he is totally engaged in the process with an ever ready smile and a wink. Even as we witness his latest production reach a disappointing end, in the course of this film Leonard Soloway wouldn't trade what he does (as Irving Berlin once wrote in song) "for a pot of gold". And he is already planning his next show.

Leonard Soloway with Jerome Robbins during rehearsal for Jerome Robbins' Broadway 1988

# John Slattery

Screen Actors Guild Award winner Hollywood Actor

# Tovah Feldshuh

Tony Award nominee, Drama Desk and Obie Award winner

## Olympia Dukakis

Academy Award, Golden Globe and Emmy Award winning actress

### Elizabeth Asheyh Tony Award winner

Iony Award wini Actress

# Debbie Gravitte

Tony Award winner Actress

# Philip J. Smith

The Shubert Organization Chairman, Co-CEO Theater Hall of Fame Inductee

# Narration by Campbell Scott National Board of Review Award for Best Actor

# Manny Azenberg

Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement, Multiple Tony Award and Drama Desk winner. Producer

"In this industry Leonard is somewhat legendary, for all the smiling reasons..." -Manny Azenberg

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Marlene Dietrich Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, House Manager





The Shadow Box Tony Award winner Best Play & Pulitzer Prize Drama, Morosco Theatre, Producer



Neil Simon's Lost in Yonkers Feb. 1991 to Jan. 1993 starring Kevin Spacey, Tony Award winner Best Play & Pulitzer Prize Drama, Richard Rodgers Theatre, General Manager



*The Goodbye Girl* starring Bernadette Peters & Martin Short Marquis Theatre, General Manager

1967



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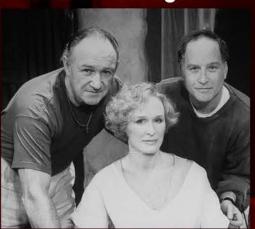
A Moon for the Misbegotten Starring Colleen Dewhurst & Jason Robards Dec. 1973 to Nov. 1974, Morosco Theatre, General Manager



Social Security starring Olympia Dukakis & Marlo Thomas Apr. 1986 to Mar. 1987 Ethel Barrymore Theatre Company Manager



Jerome Robbins Broadway starring Jason Alexander Feb. 1989 to Sep. 1990 Imperial Theatre, General Manager Death and the Maiden starring Glenn Close, Richard Dreyfuss & Gene Hackman Brooks Atkinson Theatre, General Manager

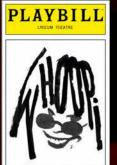


Dame Edna: The Royal Tour Oct. 1999 to July 2000 Booth Theatre Special Tony Award for a Live Theatrical Event, Producer



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*I'm Not Rappaport* starring Judd Hircsh. Booth Theatre, General Manager Whoopi starring Whoopi Goldberg, Nov. 2004 to Jan. 2005 Lyceum Theatre. Producer



*Irena's Vow* starring Tovah Feldshuh, Walter Kerr Theatre. General Manager

High starring Kathleen Turner at the Booth Theatre Producer



*Maurice Hines Tappin' Thru Life* Producer

1999



2006

2009

2010

2011

2016...

Waiting in the Wings by Noel Coward, Dec. 1999 to May 2000 starring Lauren Bacall & Rosemary Harris, Walter Kerr Theatre, Producer



Hot Feet Directed by Maurice Hines. General Manager

*Our Town* starring Paul Newman Dec. 2002 to Jan 2003 Booth Theatre, General Manager *Looped* starring Valerie Harper. Lyceum Theatre. Producer

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### WHO'S WHO

### PRODUCER/DIRECTOR | JEFF WOLK

Jeff Wolk is an award-winning independent film and theater producer. In 2009, after a long career in the New York real estate business, he launched Hawk House Productions, a production company whose main focus is cinematic and character-driven documentaries. His 2012 short Last Glimmer of Day, a personal documentary about anxiety and depression, premiered at the Cleveland International Film Festival where it received honorable mention for Best Ohio Short Film Award. In 2014, he was an executive producer on A Birders Guide to Everything, featuring Sir Ben Kingsley and Kodi Smit-McPhee which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival and won Best Narrative Feature at the Cleveland International Film Festival. He is the executive producer of Woman of a Certain Age, a documentary short series that profiles the extraordinary lives of women who are over 80. In 2016, he produced the Off-Broadway show Maurice Hines Tappin' Thru Life, which was nominated for three Lucille Lortel Awards. During the show's run, he produced a behind-the- scenes documentary about the show's legendary Broadway producer, Leonard Soloway. Leonard Soloway's Broadway captures what goes on behind the curtain of New York Theater in a way that has rarely been seen. In 2017 the first short in the Women of a Certain Age series Belle, was in the Cleveland International Film Festival. Also in 2017 Jeff was an Executive Producer of After Louie staring Alan Cumming, a film that explores modern gay life and how it got to where it is today. After Louie was screened in BFI Flare: London LGBT Film Festival and the closing night film of the San Francisco International LGBTQ Film Festival. Jeff lives in New York City.

### PRODUCTION MANAGER/FIELD PRODUCER | NICO SFORZA

Nico Sforza brought special management skills to this film in setting up shoots, overseeing rights and clearances of archival material and keeping the budget in order. He also brought his creative skills as a still photographer, videographer and graphic artist to the project while leading a team of interns. Nico is a graduate of SVA and has worked as Field Producer/Camera at Hawk House Productions. His first major photography project was for General Motors to promote the release the Convertible Corvette Z06 at the New York Auto Show. Nico is deeply involved with Morgan Stanley Children Hospital Charity and regularly produces fundraisers for local charities in the NYC area.

### EDITOR | MADELINE PARKSMITH

Madeline Smith has a special love of theatre. She has a background in improvisational performance and regularly attends Broadway and Off Broadway shows. This background, along with her technical skills made her a perfect choice as the editor of *Leonard Soloway's Broadway*. Madeline has been an editor for Broadway Asia and Mindfile Multimedia, a multi-camera televised religious program. She has also served as an Assistant Editor on narrative feature films and documentaries for PBS and Discovery ID.

### CINEMATOGRAPHER | KATY SCOGGIN

Katy Scoggin is a writer, producer, director and cinematographer. Her formal training was in sculpture and narrative filmmaking but documentary is the place she calls home. She worked for Laura Poitras for six years and was a co-producer and cinematographer on the award winning *CITIZEN FOUR* and an Associate Producer on the Emmy nominated *The Oath*. She most recently produced, directed and shot *FLOOD*, a hybrid work of fiction, documentary and Public Radio that explores deeply held beliefs that polarize people to the breaking point. At the core of the project is the filmmaker's loving and maddening relationship to her creationist father. *FLOOD* has received support from the Sundance Institute, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the McDowell Colony.

### PRODUCER/WRITER | MARGARET MURPHY

Margaret Murphy is a three-time National Emmy Award winning producer/director/writer/editor whose work covers the areas of news, documentary, sports and children's programming as well as dramatic features. She won her first National Emmy as an editor with the ABC Sports' Olympic Unit. For the PBS series, *Smithsonian World*, She won a National Emmy for her profile of Anne Morrow Lindbergh, an honor shared with noted historian David McCullough. Her third National Emmy was for her work as a producer/writer on ABC Nightline's coverage of the Gulf War. Her programs have been seen on all the major networks, public television and cable channels. Margaret's career also includes being a producer for A&E's Biography series, Editor at Sesame Street, Editor at CBS's 60 Minutes and an original staff member of Dateline as a producer.

#### ASSOCIATE PRODUCER | SAL SCAMARDO

Sal Scamardo is an Emmy Award winning producer and entertainment industry executive whose career spans music, sports and television for major and independent media companies including FilmRise, CBS/Fox Video, PolyGram Video, Universal Music, USA Films, Palm Pictures, Warner/Elektra/Atlantic and his own consulting and production company, Pulsar Pictures. His production, distribution and marketing talents have put him at the helm of world class content for major celebrities including Cher, Barbra Streisand and Andrea Bocelli; major sports leagues NFL Films, NBA Entertainment and many more. He received an Emmy Award in 2010 as producer of a special television tribute to dancer/actress/singer Miss Mitzi Gaynor titled *Mitzi Gaynor: Razzle Dazzle!*. He most recently produced the critically acclaimed feature documentary *Shot! The Psycho-Spiritual Mantra of Rock* (VICE Documentary Films/Straight Up Films) about the life and work of legendary rock and roll photographer, Mick Rock known as "the man who shot the 70s" (Magnolia Pictures, 2017).

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