

BIO

David Winning

Film & Television Director

46 Features, 29 Series, with over 180 TV credits. David is mainly known for his work on Gene Roddenberry's **Andromeda**, **MGM's Stargate: Atlantis**, **ABC's Dinotopia** and the **HBO thriller Exception to The Rule**, starring Kim Cattrall, Sean Young and Eric McCormack and **dozens of family and Christmas movies for Hallmark and Lifetime**. A proven and prolific director of feature films and many television series in virtually all genres – he was a dreamer kid from the Canadian prairies, making movies at the age of ten with a Super 8 camera in hometown Calgary, Canada. At 18, he made his first short drama **Sequence**, and expanded the plotline into his first feature film **STORM**, produced on a shoestring in the summer of 1983. At 27, he landed directing gigs on **FRIDAY 13th: The Series** for Paramount; for this television debut he received three Canadian Emmy nominations. His second feature followed in 1992 with **Killer Image**, a plot-twisting photographic mystery-thriller starring Michael Ironside and veteran character actor M. Emmet Walsh. Throughout the 1990's and the 2000's he directed more movies and episodes of nearly 30 series from kid's shows to westerns to science-fiction. M. Night Shyamalan has cited Winning's episode of Nickelodeon's **Are You Afraid of the Dark: The Tale of the Dream Girl**, as the inspiration for **The Sixth Sense**. His episodic work has received international awards including 24 first places at the Houston Film Festival, a Gold Hugo and two Silver Hugos in Chicago, and Four national Gemini Screen Award nominations for Best Director/Dramatic Series. He has received over 90 international awards. In 2002 he received a National Award from the Director's Guild for outstanding achievement in television drama. Arriving in LA, he directed the hit sequel **TURBO: A POWER RANGERS MOVIE** for 20th Century Fox – the 4th highest selling DVD that summer. He directed many international stars including: Ryan Gosling, Patrick Duffy, Peter Strauss, William Devane, Markie Post, Lance Henriksen, Frederic Forrest, Jason Connery, Carl Weathers, Margot Kidder, Michael Sarrazin, Bruce Boxleitner, Martin Mull, and of course, the iconic POWER RANGERS. In one year—Winning directed Kevin Sorbo, Robert Englund and Bruce Derr in a Trilogy of monster movies for the SYFY Channel as well as episodes of the Vampire series **Blood Ties** for Lifetime TV. He directed episodes of the cult-hit series **TODD AND THE BOOK OF PURE EVIL**, a rock 'n roll, comedy-horror series for SPACE CHANNEL and **LOST GIRL** and **XIII: THE SERIES** with Stuart Townsend for Roger Avary, Showcase and the SYFY CHANNEL -- and the kid's multi-cam live audience series' **Disney Channel's MR. YOUNG**, and **MAX & SHRED** and **THE STANLEY DYNAMIC** for Nickelodeon. Also the heart-warming romantic comedy **THE TOWN THAT CAME A-COURTIN'** for UP TV starring Valerie Harper and Lauren Holly. Next two Christmas movies also for UP TV; **PAPER ANGELS** (Josie Bissett) which he also co-produced, and **THE TREE THAT SAVED CHRISTMAS** (Lacey Chabert); ranked by **The New York Times** as one of the five best Christmas movies of the season. Also, on SYFY and SUPERCHANNEL, the post-apocalyptic action thriller **MUTANT WORLD** (Kim Coates, Ashanti). Ten new movies in 2016 alone; two thrillers **CRADLE OF LIES** (Nicole de Boer, Gina Holden) and **UNDER FIRE** (Andrea Bowen, Jim Thorburn) – and his first of over 20 for Hallmark **MAGIC STOCKING** (Bridget Regan, Victor Webster). Then came **UNLEASHING MR. DARCY** (Ryan Paevey, Cindy Busby, Frances Fisher), which had 3 Million viewers generating 47 Million posts on Twitter breaking a network record for social media. Plus a third thriller **INFIDELITY** for Lifetime (Sarah Butler), and a dozen more new Hallmark and UP TV features; including directing (and producing) **THE ROOFTOP CHRISTMAS TREE** (Tim Reid, Michelle Morgan), **TULIPS IN SPRING** (Fiona Gubelmann, Lucas Bryant), **WHILE YOU WERE DATING** (Billy Baldwin), **A DECEMBER BRIDE** (Jessica Lowndes), **WINTER'S DREAM** (Dean Cain), **A SUMMER ROMANCE** (Erin Krakow, Ryan Paevey), **Blake Shelton's 3 Movies in the TIME FOR ME TO COME HOME** series, Lacey Chabert's **Crossword Mysteries: RIDDLE ME DEAD**, and two final films in the **FATHER CHRISTMAS** series. David helmed six episodes of the **SYFY Channel | NETFLIX** hit vampire series **VAN HELSING**, including the 3rd Season Finale and opening the explosive Fourth season. **FIELD DAY** and **BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS** premiere in the fall of 2023.



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