

RUSSELL DOUGHERTY Co-Founder and Producer



Russ knew at the age of seven he wanted to produce motion pictures and television programs. So, it was no surprise that forty years later in 2009, Russ partnered with Jim Huggins to form New Shepherd Films, an independent film production company dedicated to telling true stories that highlight God at work in everyday lives. Their first feature, "Footprints," is based on a true story of hope and how the power of love can change lives.

An award-winning professional behind the camera and in the studio, Russ has developed and produced shows for a variety of outlets, most notably television. He has had the pleasure of working with such talents as Martha Stewart, Jeff Dunham, Jack Palance, Lee Remick, Tony Orlando, Chuck Negron, and Anthony Bourdain.

In addition to his television work for broadcast stations in the Boston and Providence markets, Russ has had his productions on the ABC, FOX, and TLC networks. Recognized for excellence, Russ has been honored with numerous awards for video productions including two grand prize awards from Videomaker™ Magazine, two platinum awards from The National Professional Videographers' Association, the Director's Award, and an Award of Excellence from the MarCom Marketing and Communications Agency.

His journey to becoming a film producer began back in 1974. At the young age of 15, he was already designing logos and advertising materials for local businesses. Shortly thereafter, his passion for photography expanded his business to include portrait, event, and product photography. Ten years later, in 1984, when video production started to become popular, Russ quickly adapted his business and focused on this emerging media outlet. By 1986, Russ had founded Video Excellence, a video production company located in southern Massachusetts, specializing in documentary, commercial, training, event, and promotional video production. His talents for graphic design, photography, and writing were added benefits to the creative services offered by Video Excellence.

But Russ has not limited himself to staying behind the camera. In 1987, Russ spent time in Newport, RI working on the motion picture *Mr. North*, directed by Danny Huston, the son of legendary actor and director, John Huston. *Mr. North* starred Anthony Edwards, Robert Mitchum, Lauren Bacall, Angelica Huston, and David Warner. The experience further reinforced Russ' desire to pursue feature film production.

In 1991, Russ, along with David Sinclair and Larry Lechan, co-produced and co-wrote, *Doctor Mongo's Midnight Movie*, an original weekly comedy program for WNAC-TV in Providence, RI. In 1993, Russ, along with Jon Doughtie, co-produced a documentary, *Go the Extra Mile*, the story of Richard Droabaugh, a man who rode his bicycle around the world to raise money and awareness for cancer research.

In addition to developing television, Russ has produced internet programming for businesses, training, and promotional materials for national companies and institutions such as Sears, Coors Brewery, BellSouth, K-Mart, Bloomingdales, Joselin Diabetes Center, The Dana Farber Cancer Institute, N.O.A.A. as well as Brandeis University, Johnson and Wales University, Fairfield University, Providence College, and Roger Williams University.

Russ along with Gail, his wife of 24 years, and his son, Sean, continue the legacy of producing superb video projects. Among their recent productions is "The UnReal Deal," a weekly television series for NBC 10 in Providence.