

VICTORIA PAIGE MEYERINK

Victoria Paige Meyerink has spent nearly all of her life in show business, bringing a high degree of proficiency and professionalism to each aspect of her multi-faceted career. She has the distinction of being the youngest woman film producer in the motion picture industry with the international success *Young Warriors* at age 22.



Meyerink's acting career soared at the age of four when she became Danny Kaye's co-star on his popular CBS variety series on which she would sing, dance and chat with the great entertainer... a one-night guest appearance that lasted for four seasons and established her as an international figure. By the well-advanced age of five she had completed three features, *Brainstorm* with Anne Francis (Warner Bros.), *Seconds* with Rock Hudson (Paramount) and *Night of the Grizzly* with Clint Walker and Martha Hyer (Paramount) along with a nationwide advertising campaign for Pepsi Cola. Her success as an actress continued, co-starring with Elvis Presley and Nancy Sinatra in *Speedway* (MGM) and *Breakout* (Warner Bros.) with Red Buttons. Working continually until age twelve, Meyerink has an impressive list of TV, screen and stage credits. On television she was a regular on *Green Acres* with Eva Gabor and Eddie

Albert, guest starred in thirteen episodes of *My Three Sons*, nine segments of *Family Affair* and made numerous guest appearances on such TV series as *The FBI*, *The Name of the Game* and *Adam-12*. She starred in the ABC Afterschool Special, *It Isn't Easy Being a Teenage Millionaire*, her stage credits include *The Apple of His Eye* with Buddy Ebsen, and she has appeared in more than thirty commercials including one for *Bosco* which was honored with a CLIO Award.

Taking a few years off from acting, Meyerink attended USC where she majored in both Music Theory & Composition and International Relations with emphasis in US/Soviet relations. Her move back into the entertainment industry came when director Lawrence Foldes encouraged her to become involved behind the camera. Fortunate to have received a first-hand education about production through her many inquiries to the directors, producers, cinematographers and crew members she had worked over the years, Meyerink accepted his offer to supervise the production of *The Great Skycopter Rescue*, which aired on CBS. Their success as a team was obvious and they formed what has become a long and successful partnership.

Subsequently, Meyerink produced and Foldes directed the high-powered vigilante drama *Young Warriors* (MGM/UA). The film broke house records in Europe and *The London Times* called it "a stylish and well-produced action extravaganza." Starring Ernest Borgnine and James Van Patten, the film was honored by the Academy of Family Films and Television for its "strong anti-violence message." During the film's Los Angeles theatrical release, Mayor Tom Bradley and the City of Los Angeles honored Meyerink and Foldes with a proclamation saluting them as "new blood" of the film industry and for the "positive image they cast and for the exemplary posture they mirror for the youth of our nation."

Meyerink then produced *Night Force* (Vestron) an action-packed adventure directed by Foldes starring Linda Blair, Richard Lynch, Chad McQueen, Cameron Mitchell and James Van Patten. *Night Force* was selected as an official competition entry in the 9th Annual Houston International Film Festival.

Meyerink then produced *Prima Donnas*, a unique romantic comedy about the events surrounding a Debutante Ball which reviewers have called "anarchic, chaotic and very funny." Immediately upon its completion, *Prima Donnas* was invited to have its world premiere at the 45th Edinburgh International Film Festival, followed by invitations to the Cairo International Film Festival and the AFI FilmFest among others. The film has received enthusiastic response from diverse festival audiences and garnered favorable reviews from film critics worldwide. *Variety* called *Prima Donnas* "an anarchic romp through the California debutante scene" with "slick production values and fruity performances." *London Times* film critic David Robinson said "it's a non-stop, witty, light hearted satirical comedy that takes a shrewd look at American snobbery."

The award-winning producer's latest film, *Finding Home*, is currently in theatrical release. This touching character drama spanning five decades deals with three generations of women all struggling with similar issues. Filmed in Super 35mm on a variety of spectacular island locations throughout coastal Maine, the film stars Lisa Brenner (co-star of *The Patriot*), Oscar nominee Geneviève Bujold (*Anne of The Thousand Days*), Oscar winner Louise Fletcher (*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*), Misha Collins (*Girl Interrupted*), Jeannetta Arnette (*Boys Don't Cry*), Jason Miller (*The Exorcist*), and Justin Henry (Oscar and Golden Globe nominee for *Kramer vs. Kramer*). Edited by Todd Ramsay (*Star Trek: The Motion Picture*, *Escape from New York*, *The Thing*), the film is now in post-production at The Saul Zaentz Film Center with four-time Oscar winning mixer Mark Berger (*Amadeus*, *The English Patient*).

Meyerink is a member in the Producers Branch of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and serves on the Academy Awards Executive Committee. She is a faculty member and Film Program Advisor for the International Film & Television Workshops in Rockport, Maine where, together with Foldes, she has taught film production, marketing and distribution since 1991.

Together with Foldes, Meyerink is Co-Founder and Co-Director of the new Independence Film Fest of Colorado, a major annual film festival each September at 10,430' in the Rocky Mountains making it, literally, the highest film festival in the world.

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