

## HOWARD KAZANJIAN

### Executive Producer

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Howard Kazanjian is an accomplished film and television producer and entertainment executive. Kazanjian has produced several blockbuster films including *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Star Wars Episode VI: Return of the Jedi*. During his seven years as Vice President of Production at Lucasfilm Ltd., Kazanjian also oversaw the production of *Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back*.

Throughout his 40 years in the film industry, Howard Kazanjian has been privileged to work with some of cinema's finest directors. Kazanjian advanced his craft on many films as an Assistant Director and Producer working closely with legendary filmmakers such as: Alfred Hitchcock, Billy Wilder, Sam Peckinpah, Robert Wise, Joshua Logan, Elia Kazan, Clint Eastwood, Francis Ford Coppola, Steven Spielberg, and George Lucas.

Howard Kazanjian's films have garnered more than a dozen Oscar nominations and have won ten Oscars. He also won an Emmy for producing and directing, "The Making of Raiders of the Lost Ark." Kazanjian produced the pilot and first season of the hit television show *JAG*. He is currently executive producing children educational animation for PBS.



As a noted Producer, Kazanjian's vast experience of the motion picture industry has earned him the reputation of delivering the most value on screen for the least amount of money. Kazanjian is known for transcending the traditional producers role. He is involved in all aspects of filmmaking from script selection, casting, location search, production, special effects, post-production, to distribution and merchandising. of *Roses Parade*.

In 2004 Kazanjian authored a biography of American heroes Roy Rogers and Dale Evans titled *The Cowboy and the Seniorita*. He followed up with *Happy Trails: A Pictorial Celebration of the Life and Times of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans* in 2005. In October of 2006, Kazanjian authored a biography of John Wayne, titled *The Young Duke*.

Howard Kazanjian was appointed to the California Film Commission by former Governors George Deukmejian and Pete Wilson. He is an active member of the Directors Guild of America, the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, and the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Kazanjian maintains numerous associations with his alma matter, the University of Southern California, including Associates Honorary Life Membership. He is also a Trustee of Azusa Pacific University. He serves on the board of Educational Adventures. Recently, Kazanjian was named a judge for the 2007 Pasadena Tournament



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