

## **BRUCE ISACSON**

### **Producer/Director/Writer**

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In 1969, at Hofstra University, Bruce Isacson, wrote, directed and co-starred in “Thought”, a short movie that won first place in a New York Film festival. Since that time Bruce has been deeply involved in the business of making movies. After transferring to, and graduating from the University of Miami, Bruce was one of just fifty students chosen from many applicants worldwide to attend the graduate program at UCLA School of film.

Arriving in Los Angeles, and while attending UCLA, Bruce began his career in Hollywood. Starting as assistant to the producer Harry Kopeland on the “Thrill Seeker” television series starring Chuck Connors, Bruce went on to work with many notable people and projects such as the Moody Blues, David Bowie, Jennifer O’Neal, Peter Fonda, Frank Capra, Jr., William Link and Mario Puzo.

Bruce, as an independent producer, was hired by Universal to develop and oversee a unique marketing campaign attributed to the box office success of “Tender Mercies,” which was nominated for several Academy Awards which Robert Duvall won the Oscar for best actor and Horton Foote won the Oscar for best screenplay. The marketing plan was the same later used to market Mel Gibson’s “The Passion of the Christ.”

Bruce has worked on developing projects with Howard Kazanjian (Star Wars Return of the Jedi and Indiana Jones Raiders of the Lost Ark) over the past 20 years, including being a Producer with Mr. Kazanjian at 20th Century Fox for the movie “This Present Darkness” the New York Times best selling novel written by Frank Peretti.



**Bruce Isacson and Kathleen, his wife of 37 years**

In addition, Bruce has acted in commercials and films including a featured role in “Outbreak” a Warner Bros. re-lease starring Dustin Hoffman and Rene Russo.

As Founder, President and CEO of Lionheart Movies, Inc., Bruce is the producer, writer, and director of SOUTH DAKOTA. The film intricately blends a narrative feature with compelling documentary elements. The film portrays two girls with unplanned pregnancies and the decisions they must make.

SOUTH DAKOTA swept the top awards at the Los Angeles Reel Film Festival, including “Best of Show,” “Best Narrative Feature,” “Best Screenplay,” and “Best Director,” as well as garnering “Best Actress” for Tessa Thompson’s role of Chris, and “Best Cinematography” for our Director of Photography, David Tumblety. Recently in April 2017, SOUTH DAKOTA won Best Picture at Fort Myers Beach Film Festival and Tessa Thompson won Best Actress Award.

Bruce is also a member of the Writers Guild of America, and Screen Actors Guild.

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