

RISA BRAMON GARCIA
DIRECTOR, PRODUCER

Risa recently directed a feature film in Canada, ***The Con Artist*** (aka *The Love Child*), for Myriad Pictures, Maple Pictures, and Telefilm Canada, starring Rossif Sutherland, Rebecca Romijn, Sarah Roemer, Donald Sutherland, Russell Peters and a host of great Canadian actors. She went with the film to Zurich for its world premiere in the Zurich Film Festival; its release in the U.S. is June 2011.

200 cigarettes was Risa's feature film directorial debut, for Paramount Pictures, Lakeshore Entertainment, MTV Films and Mike Newell's company, Dogstar. The movie stars an all-star line-up - actors who were coming into their own when they joined the ensemble - Ben Affleck, Kate Hudson, Paul Rudd, Dave Chappelle, Casey Affleck, Courtney Love, Christina Ricci, Janeane Garofalo, Martha Plimpton, Jay Mohr, Nicole Ari Parker and Guillermo Diaz.

Risa directed multiple episodes of ***The Twilight Zone*** for New Line Television and UPN, along with the season's wrap-arounds, starring Forest Whitaker.

For HBO, as part of a successful limited series, Risa directed ***Life Stories: A Deadly Secret***, nominated for an ACE Award. Other television directing credits include: ***The Hidden Room: The Rogue in The Bathroom*** for Lifetime Television, and ***Between Cars*** for Comedy Central, based on the play by Alan Zweibel which Risa also directed in the Ensemble Studio Theatre Marathon of One-Act Plays.

Risa founded and produced two seasons of ACT ONE in association with Showtime Networks, a festival of one-act plays, which was a huge success in Los Angeles. She directed four plays in the Festival: ***Affections of an Alleycat*** and ***Call It Clover*** by Wil Calhoun, Edward Allan Baker's ***A Dead Man's Apartment*** and ***Dice and Cards*** by Sam Henry Cass. And as part of Naked Angels' inaugural ***Naked At The Coast*** in L.A, Risa teamed with Jon Robin Baitz to direct his play: ***Four Monologues***.

As a founding Artistic Director of Ensemble Studio Theatre's L.A. PROJECT, now E.S.T. LA, Risa worked with HBO for two seasons, producing and directing a series of acclaimed one-acts for The Aspen Comedy Arts Festival.

Risa has directed extensively at **The Ensemble Studio Theatre** in NY where she's been a member since 1981. Here she produced six years of the flagship festival Marathon of One-Act Plays, working with such writers as David Mamet, Horton Foote, Chris Durang, Wendy Wasserstein, Shel Silverstein, Herb Gardner, Landford Wilson, Tina Howe, David Auburn, José Rivera and John Patrick Shanley. She directed 12 plays in the Marathon including the original productions of ***Face Divided***, ***Dolores***, ***Lady of Fadima*** and ***North of Providence*** by Edward Allan Baker, ***Saxophone Music and Touch Black*** by Bill Bozzone, and ***Comic Dialogue*** and ***Between Cars*** by Alan Zweibel. Mainstage productions include Bill Bozzone's ***House Arrest*** and ***Rose Cottages***, Sam Shepard's ***Geography of a Horse Dreamer***, Bill O'Neill's ***Gray Spades*** and ***Prairie Avenue*** by Edward Allen Baker (which she co-directed with Curt Dempster). At The Second Stage in New York Risa had the privilege of directing the revival of ***Division Street*** by the late Steve Tesich and ***Jersey City*** by Wendy Hammond. She also collaborated with Richard Greenberg, directing a new play, ***Jenny Keeps Talking***, at the Manhattan Theatre Club, after its success in development and production with HBO and The Ensemble Studio Theatre.

As a television producer, Risa developed and worked on the NBC television show, ***Grand***, for the Carsey Werner Company and ABC, and on ***The Hidden Room*** for Lifetime

Television. As a theatre producer, along with *The Marathon* and a number of full-length productions at E.S.T in N.Y., she produced ***Strange Behavior***, a long running comedy cabaret by Neil Cuthbert.

Some additional actors Risa has had the opportunity to direct include Joan Allen, Kevin Spacey, Stanley Tucci, Frances McDormand, Mercedes Ruehl, Sam Rockwell, Arliss Howard, Elizabeth Perkins, Howie Mandel, Gil Bellows, Penn Badgley, Adam Goldberg, Kimberly Elise, Michelle Forbes, Bill Murray, and the late Robert Pastorelli.

Risa has cast over 65 movies including ***Desperately Seeking Susan, Wall Street, Something Wild, Angel Heart, Fatal Attraction, Born on the Fourth of July, Talk Radio, JFK, Sneakers, The Joy Luck Club, True Romance, Speed, How To Make An American Quilt, Dead Presidents, Twister, and Flirting With Disaster*** and numerous television shows, including ***Roseanne, CSI:NY***, the recent Universal/NBC series, ***The Cape***, and ***A Gifted Man*** for CBS, currently in its first season of production.

As a part of a long and successful collaboration with Oliver Stone, Risa served as a Producer on ***Heaven and Earth*** and ***Natural Born Killers***, movies she also cast.

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