

# Stephen Verona

WRITER > PRODUCER > DIRECTOR > ARTIST

## Feature Films

**The Lords of Flatbush** *Columbia Pictures 1974*. With Sylvester Stallone, Henry Winkler, Perry King, Armand Assante, Susan Blakely, Ray Sharkey, Paul Jabara. Music by Joe Brooks. Story, Co-Screen Writer, Producer, Director.

**Pipe Dreams** *Avco Embassy Pictures 1976*. With Gladys Knight, Sally Kirkland. Music by Domenick Frontiere. Story, Screenplay, Producer, Director.

**Boardwalk** *Atlantic Releasing 1979*. With Ruth Gordon, Lee Strasberg, Janet Leigh, Lillian Roth, Sammy Kahn, Cinematography by Billy Williams. Story, Co Screen Writer, Director.

**Talking Walls** *New World Pictures 1983*. With Barry Primus, Stephen Shellen, Sally Kirkland. Story, Screenplay, Director.

## Non Theatrical Films, TV, & Specials

**Class of 1966** *Smith Hemion Productions NBC TV. Special*. With George Hamilton, Nancy Sinatra. Production Designer, Animation Director.

**Different Strokes** *CBS Columbia Records 1970*. 90 Minutes. With Barbra Streisand, Simon & Garfunkel, Johnny Cash, Santana, Leonard Bernstein, Chicago, Isaac Stern, Johnny & Edgar Winter, Johnny Mathis, Boz Scaggs & more. 53 recording artists in all. Cameos by Jane Fonda, Julian Bond. Writer, Producer, Editor, Cinematographer, Director,

**Sesame Street** *PBS Series 1971*. Animation, Artist, Producer, Director.

**Take a Giant Step** *NBC TV Series 1971*. Animation & Live Action, Producer, Director.

**The Music People** *CBS Columbia Records 1972*. 90 Minutes. With Barbra Streisand, Liza Minelli, Bob Dylan, Chicago, Pierre Boulez, Johnny Cash, Simon & Garfunkel & more. 35 recording artists in all. Co-Screen Writer, Producer, Director.

**Double Exposure** *Atlantic Records 1972* Independent TV Special. 30 minutes. With Roberta Flack, Donny Hathaway. Cinematography by Laszlo Kovaks. Writer, Co-Producer, Director.

**Flatbush Avenue J** *Ebbets Field Film Co, ABC TV Pilot 1976*. 30 Minute TV Series based on The Lords of Flatbush. Co-Screen Writer, Producer.

**The Fatal Image** *Hearst Entertainment, CBS TV 1990*. With Michelle Lee, Justine Bateman. Story, Co-Producer

## Videos

People Magazine called Stephen Verona **THE father of Music Video**.

**Angela Lansbury's Positive Moves** *Wood Knapp / Knapp Publications 1988* 60 minutes.

With Angela Lansbury. Producer, Director.

**Where Are You Tonight** *Organically Grown Clothing Company 1984.*

4 Minutes, fashion Video. With Kyra Sedgewick. Producer, Director.

**Estelle Getty Young at Heart** *Power Films & Video Treasures. 1993*

60 minutes. With Estelle Getty. Director

## DV Videos

**Sideny B. Felsen Celebration** 7 Minutes, Color - 1999

**Angkor Wat – Jungle Temple** 5 Minutes, Black & White 2000

**Endless Ride** 7 Minutes, Color – 2001

**Holy Men Medicine Men Mad Men** 7 Minutes, Black & White – 2003

**In Good Company** 12 Minutes, Celebrity Portraits Color – 2003

**New Years Eve** 12 Minutes, Black & White - 2004

## Screenplays

1999 **Kiki** *Independent*

1999 **Perfect Dad** *Frankfurt Films - German TV*

1995 **Best in Show** *Independent*

1995 **The Family Man** *Independent*

1993 **'Nappers** *Independent*

1991 **Gangsters** *Independent*

1987 **The Lords of Flatbush 22 Years Later** *Cannon Films*

1986 **Jack's Video** *Phoenix Entertainment / CBS TV*

1985 **The Children of the Lords** *Bob Chartoff Productions / UA*

1985 **Dear Diary** *Independent*

1983 **Deception** *Independent*

1982 **Talking Walls** *New World Pictures*

1981 **Primary Colors** *Howard Koch Jr, Gene Kirkwood Productions*

1979 **Tales of the Nile** *CBS Theatrical Films*

1978 **Boardwalk** *Atlantic Releasing*

1976 **Pipe Dreams** *Embassy Pictures*

1975 **Maestro Perro** *Independent*

1974 **The Lords of Flatbush** *Columbia Pictures*

1970 **The Mabinogian** *Independent*

1969 **Wednesday's Child** *The Alliance Company*

1969 **Forever A Festival** *The Alliance Company*

1967 **Lapis Lazuli** *Independent*

## Short Subjects

1960 **Life Elektra**

1965 **Improm-2**  
 1965 **The Empty Hand** *ACI Film Distributing*  
 1966 **My Coloring Book** *With Barbra Streisand CBS Columbia Records*  
 1966 **She Said So** *With The Beatles Apple Distributing*  
 1966 **French Provincial** *Jay & the Americans United Artists Records*  
 1967 **Rain on the Roof** *With The Lovin' Spoonful Buddah Records*  
 1967 **Five Will Get You Ten/Sgt. Pepper** *The Beatles Apple Dist.*  
 1968 **The Rehearsal** *Schoenfeld Film Distributing*  
 1969 **A Most Peculiar Man** *With Simon & Garfunkel CBS Columbia*  
 1970 **Different Strokes** *CBS Columbia Records / Schoenfeld Film Distributing*

## **Commercials & Industrials**

**Cummins Diesel Engines** *1966 30 Minutes. Industrial film*

**American Airlines** *1967 30 Minutes. Doyle Dane & Bernbach*

Produced & Directed over 300 television commercials for such products as: Ford, Pepsi, Sears, Fresca, Clairol, Maxwell House, Bufferin.

## **Film Awards**

### **Academy Award**

*1972 Nomination* **The Rehearsal.** Best Short Subject Live Action.  
 Story, Editor, Producer, Director.

5 San Francisco Film Festival Awards  
 5 Chicago Film Festival Awards  
 3 Atlanta Film Festival Awards  
 5 CINE Golden Eagle Awards  
 The Robert Flaherty Documentary Seminar Award  
 Vancouver, Canada Film Festival Award  
 2 Pacific Northwest Arts & Crafts Association Awards  
 Adelaide / Auckland Film Festival Award  
 4 Independent Film Makers Competition Awards  
 U.S. Industrial Film Festival Award for Creative Excellence  
 Atlanta TV Special, Gold Medal  
 New York Film & TV Festival, Gold Medal  
 Rosenthal Foundation Award  
 2 Pesaro, Italy Awards  
 Cannes, France  
 Cannes France, Youth Festival Award  
 Winterfest, Boston, Mass.  
 American Film Festival, Dallas, Texas  
 Festival de Popoli, Florence, Italy  
 Cork, Ireland Award  
 Venice, Italy Award  
 Montevideo, Uruguay Award  
 Mamaia, Yugoslavia Award  
 Grenoble Sport Film Festival Award  
 Animation Festival, Museum of Modern Art, New York  
 Deauville, France Award  
 Film Awards continued

5 Films in the Museum of Modern Art, New York City

permanent collection

1 Film in the Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan  
permanent collection

1 Film in the Museum of Modern Art, Hong Kong  
permanent collection

Retrospective on the Art of Film (WNET, PBS) New York

Over 50 Awards for Television Commercials

The Edward Steichen photography Award  
the Museum of Modern Art, New York

## **Additional Music Videos**

**I Ten** *CBS Epic Records*

**Natalie Cole** *CBS Epic Records*

**Mick Fleetwood** *with Stevie Nicks* *RCA Records*

**Boy George** *CBS Epic Records*

**Will Ackerman** *Windham Hill Records*

**Alex de Grassi** *Windham Hill Records*

**Liz Story** *Windham Hill Records*

**Western Light** *Windham Hill Records, Pioneer Laser Disc, Paramount Pictures*

60 minutes, with a variety of artists

## **One Man Exhibitions**

1974 **Keith Gibson Gallery** - *Los Angeles*

1975 **Nuage Gallery** - *Los Angeles*

1976 **Artworks** - *Los Angeles*

1980 **Mirage / Karl Bomstien Gallery** - *Santa Monica* - FRENCH Series

1981 **Club 55 Gallery** - *St. Tropez, France*

1981 **Beckeman Jenkins Gallery** - *Los Angeles* - CHINA Series

1984 **Jill Youngblood Gallery** - *Los Angeles* - HOLLYWOOD Series

1985 **Jill Youngblood Gallery** - *Los Angeles* - 2nd FRENCH Series

1988 **Mini Retrospective** - *Los Angeles* - Curated by Michelle Isenberg

1989 **Andrea Ross Gallery** - *Santa Monica* - GONE WITH THE WIND mural

1990 **Rhapsody Gallery** - *Los Angeles*

1994 **The Gallery @ Villiers & Vanderpump** - *Los Angeles*

1994 **French Gold Portfolio** - *Riberac, France*

1996 **Simic New Renaissance Gallery** - *Beverly Hills*

1998 **Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Science** - *Beverly Hills*

2002 **Lacy Primitive & Fine Art Gallery** - *Los Angeles*

2002 **Elayne Jordan Collection** - *Los Angeles*

2002 **A.I.A. Architectural Institute of America** - *Los Angeles*

2003 **Les Deux Cafes** - *Holy Men - Medicine Men - Mad Men - L.A.*

2003 **Gallerie @ Theodore** - *Beverly Hills*

## Group Exhibitions

- 1975 **Nuage Gallery** - Los Angeles  
1978 **Nuage Gallery** - Los Angeles  
1981 **Mirage / Karl Bomstien Gallery** - Santa Monica  
1981 **Lonnie Gans Gallery** - Venice, California  
1981 **Lainie Statsinger Gallery** - Venice, California  
1981 **Art Garden Gallery** - Venice, California  
1981 **Helen Drue Gallery** - Venice, California  
1981 **Diversified Editions Gallery** - New York City  
1981 **Hilton Graphics Gallery** - New York City  
1983 **Directors Guild of America Gallery** - Los Angeles  
1984 **International Settlement Gallery** - Los Angeles  
1984 **Molly Bames Gallery** - Los Angeles  
1984 **Jill Youngblood** - Los Angeles  
1987 **Robert Berman Gallery** - Santa Monica  
1987 **Richard / Bennett Gallery** - Salon des Independents - L.A.  
1987 **Artistic Investments Gallery** - Los Angeles  
1988 **Otis Parsons Gallery** - Hollywood Portraits of Stars , Curated by Joan Quinn  
1988 **Adamson Gallery** - Los Angeles  
1989 **Laforet Museum** - Tokyo, Japan - American Pop Culture Show  
1989 **Iannetti Lanzone Gallery** - San Francisco  
1989 **Robert Berman Gallery** - Santa Monica  
1989 **Andrea Ross Gallery** - Santa Monica  
1989 **Aart Group** - Carmel, California  
1989 **Laforet Museum** - Tokyo, Japan - Harajuku Art Festival  
1990 **Wilshire Tower Gallery** - Los Angeles  
1991 **USArt** - San Francisco  
1992 **Artik Gallery** - Beverly Hills  
1993 **George Krevsky Fine Art Gallery** - San Francisco  
1994 **Portraits by Artists** - Barbara Pallenberg & Barbara Guggenheim  
1994 **Spring Street Gallery** - Los Angeles  
1996 **Simic New Renaissance Gallery** - Beverly Hills  
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1997 **Louis Stem Fine Arts** - Los Angeles  
1998 **Joseph Chowning Gallery** - San Francisco  
1998 **Robert Berman Gallery** - Santa Monica  
2000 **Gallery 55** - Venice, CA  
2000 **Sulkin / Secant Gallery** - Bergamot Station, Santa Monica, CA  
2002 **Lacy Primitive & Fine Art Gallery** - Los Angeles, CA  
2002 **Valentina Gallery** - Carmel , CA  
2002 **Valentina Gallery** - Scotsdale, Arizona

## Art in Public Places (California)

**Morton's Restaurant** 1984 - Permanent Collection

**Nicky Blair's Restaurant** 1986-1987  
**Joe Allen's Restaurant** 1984 - 1987 - Permanent Collection  
**Yum Cha Restaurants** - Permanent Exhibition & Collection  
**Contents by Theodores** 1984 - 1985 - Beverly Center  
**Cafe Roma** 1982-1986  
**Phyllis Morris Interiors** - 1987  
**Moonlight Tango Cafe** - Permanent Exhibition & Collection  
**The Mansion Hotel** - San Francisco

## Miscellaneous Commissions

**1980** Painted the Official Portrait of **Governor Jerry Brown** for the Presidential Election Campaign  
**1980** Painted the menu cover for **Ma Maison** Restaurant, along with David Hockney and Françoise Gilot.  
**1981** Painted the poster for **Dorothy Chandler Pavillion** - Music Center Dance Presentations - International Ballet  
**1986** Painted 2 Cut Out murals for **Yum Cha** Restaurants  
**1988** Painted Cut Out mural for **Moonlight Tango Cafe**  
**1988** Eight Paintings & Four Cut Outs are featured in the motion picture **LOON** starring Val Kilmer & Rae Dawn Chong  
**1989** Painted the 100 foot long Cut Out mural of **Gone With The Wind** for the 50th Anniversary of the film. Commission by Ted Turner, MGM.  
**1990** Painted a surfboard for **Heal the Bay Art Invitational** - curated by Artist Laddie John Dill

## Other Accomplishments

**1990** Wrote the autobiographical book **"Self Portrait."**

**1991** Patented invention of a safety & support device. Contracted with the General Services Administration to exclusively manufacture & distribute under the Americans with Disabilities Act. (A.D.A) of 1990

**1991** Stephen Verona/**Self Portrait** - *Hatchwell Productions* - a 75 minute documentary for video, TV & theatrical release that show the many facets of the talent of Stephen Verona. With Sylvester Stallone, Angela Lansbury, Janet Leigh, Lee Grant, Perry King, Ray Sharkey, Mick Fleetwood, Sally Kirkland, Sid Ganis, Anna (Mrs. Lee) Strasberg & more.