

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

Sidney 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

LUST RUST DUST 25 minutes, Color - with the artist Alexis Smith – 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 Bornstien Gallery** - *Santa Monica* - FRENCH Series

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

1981 **Beckerman 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
- 2004 **Gallery 626** - Los Angeles

Group Exhibitions

- 1975 **Nuage Gallery** - Los Angeles
- 1978 **Nuage Gallery** - Los Angeles
- 1981 **Mirage / Karl Bornstien 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 Barnes 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 Stern 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** – Scottsdale, 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 Francoise 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.

2004 Wrote the book "**The Making Of The Lords Of Flatbush**" which chronicles the film from the first idea to the nightmare of production, looking for the money for the distribution, the stars that came out of it (some who were never seen in the final film) and the upcoming lawsuit with Columbia Pictures.