

FOR LOVE OF LIBERTY

THE STORY OF AMERICA'S BLACK PATRIOTS

RUDY POE

PRODUCER

In 1984, Rudy Poe began his career by earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Design from the California College of the Arts in Oakland, California. He then went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Department of Theater, Film and Television at the University of California, Los Angeles. His concentration of study was motion picture production and direction.

His first directorial assignment was the feature film *Monster High*. This feature was released worldwide through RCA/Columbia Home Video. Upon completion of his first film, Mr. Poe went on to supervise research and assistant direct the Emmy-award winning mini-series *MGM: When the Lion Roars* for Point Blank Productions.

In 1991, Mr. Poe joined the sports-oriented advertising agency Creative Impact. In his capacity as Creative Director, Mr. Poe served as in-house producer, director and writer for Creative Impact's print and television productions.

Two years later, Mr. Poe rejoined Point Blank Productions to serve as line producer for the two-hour documentary special *In Search of Dr. Seuss* (starring Robin Williams, Christopher Lloyd, Patrick Stewart and Billy Crystal) which ultimately garnered seven Primetime Emmy Award nominations in 1995.

At that point in his career Mr. Poe decided it was time to start his own enterprise and formed Eleventh Day Entertainment with producer/director Frank Martin. Since its inception, Eleventh Day has been an Award winning and critically acclaimed, multi-faceted production company responsible for numerous broadcast, corporate, commercial, government and interactive film, video and digital productions.

Over the first eleven years of its existence, Eleventh Day's creative team has written, produced and directed over 100 hours of primetime network and cable broadcast programs. Among them are the two-hour Tiffany Network special, *CBS: The First Fifty Years*, the six-part documentary series hosted by Raquel Welch, *Sex, Censorship & the Silver Screen* and the one-hour TBS special hosted by Billy Crystal, *Warner Bros: 75 Years of Laughter*.

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In 2005, Mr. Poe directed the Emmy Award winning feature length documentary film entitled, *Mr. K: a Common Man with Uncommon Vision*. Hosted by Academy award-winning actor Chris Cooper, and featuring an on-camera introduction by President George W. Bush, this biographical film tells the inspirational story of self-made billionaire, Kansas City Royals owner and entrepreneurial philanthropist, Ewing Kauffman.

Mr. Poe, partner Frank Martin and the team at Eleventh Day are currently nearing completion of ***For Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots***. Hosted by Academy Award Winner, Halle Berry, and featuring an on-camera introduction by former Secretary of State Colin Powell, this four-hour film acknowledges the sacrifices and accomplishments of African-American service men and women from the Revolutionary War until the present day.