

Mark Adler Bio

Mark has a broad background in film, music, and theatre. As a film composer, his credits include over 80 scores. He has been nominated for two Primetime Emmys, and won for HBO's "The Rat Pack."

At age 16, Mark created an award-winning animated short which was acquired by New York Museum of Modern Art. A year later, he received an American Film Institute grant for his original screenplay, which he produced and directed as a 40 minute experimental film. He has played keyboards for the Heart of Gold Band, featuring former Grateful Dead vocalist Donna Jean Godchaux (a high point was the band's performance at San Francisco's Fillmore Auditorium in 2004.)

As a singer-songwriter, Mark most recently performed an evening of his songs at PRT's Sunday Concert Series. He is currently writing a theatre piece (book, music, lyrics), based on the life of a recent president (not the current one!) He is a graduate of the UCLA School of TFT and for the past five years he has been studying acting with Marilyn Fox.

Selected Credits

As a film and TV composer...

Focus (feature film, with William H. Macy and Laura Dern, based on the novel by Arthur Miller)
Picture Bride (Sundance Audience Award Winner, with Youki Kudoh and Toshiro Mifune)
The Rat Pack (TV movie, with Ray Liotta, Joe Mantegna and Don Cheadle)
The Lost Valentine (TV movie, with Betty White)
Food, Inc. (Oscar-nominated feature documentary)
Bottle Shock (feature film, with Alan Rickman and Chris Pine)

As an actor....

The Rat Pack (scene with Joe Mantegna)
Crooked Hearts (uncredited cartoon voices)

As a music video writer/director/editor/DP

Do the National Breakdown (winner, Golden Gate Award, San Francisco International Film Festival)

As a theatre composer...

Miss America's Ugly Daughter - The Edye at The Broad Stage (2018); Greenway Court Theatre (2019)
Off-Broadway at The Marjorie S. Deane Little Theater (2020)

As music director/producer/arranger...

Henry and June (directed by Phillip Kaufman, with Fred Ward, Maria de Medeiros and Kevin Spacey)
The Unbearable Lightness of Being (directed by P. Kaufman, with Juliette Binoche, Daniel Day-Lewis)

As a music editor...

Amadeus (directed by Milos Forman, with Tom Hulce and F. Murray Abraham)
Blue Velvet (directed by David Lynch, with Isabella Rossellini, Kyle MacLachlan, Dennis Hopper)
Godfather III. (directed by Francis Coppola, with Al Pacino, Diane Keaton, Joe Mantegna, Eli Wallach)

As a cinematographer...

Santeros (TV documentary, directed by Ray Telles)