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MARK FAUSER



In 1987, Mark Fauser got married in Marion, Indiana to home town girl, Julie Harris Fauser. After their wedding, they got into a station wagon and drove across the country to pursue the impossible dream of Hollywood. Despite having done professional theatre, a college degree and being 1 of 12 people selected to Burt Reynolds Institute for theatre training ... the humble beginnings in LA consisted of selling shoes, restaurant work, apartment manager, production assistant and using a blow dryer to cool down little people in the movie *The Garbage Pail Kids*.

After years of struggling, Mark was one of the lucky ones and became Burt Reynold's assistant on *Evening Shade* and was a writer for the top 10 television series for CBS. He rewrote a movie, *The Man From Left Field*, with Reba McIntire, and appeared as an actor on *Coach*, *Jag*, *Quantum Leap* and played Dalton Phillips in the first Season of Steven Speilberg's series *Seaquest*.

After the 1994 earthquake, *Evening Shade* was cancelled and the Fauser's decided to move back to Marion to raise their family. The night before they left Los Angeles, Mark landed another big break and sold a movie he co-wrote called *The Right to Remain Silent*, starring Patrick Dempsey, LL Cool Jay and Carl Reiner. The movie won a Cable Ace Award. Ironically, living in Grant County, his Hollywood career took off! He sold the movie *Waking Up In Reno* starring Billy Bob Thornton, Charlize Theron, Natasha Richardson and Patrick Swayze and Mark was also in that movie. Mark went on to write and rewrite 7 studio pictures and starred in the movie *Madison* all while living right here in Grant County. He has written for Academy Award, Emmy, Golden Globe, Tony, Cable Ace and Grammy award winning performers.

Mark has enjoyed his time here locally working with the talented kids, fellow artists and the Community School of the Arts and loves to inspire. Spawning creative minds through love and discipline has been one of his most rewarding things as the Executive Director of CSA. Being a writer for movies, television, stage, an actor, director, teacher and marketer, he is often asked what creation is his favorite? Let the truth be known ... he loves them all, but his favorite creation is his children.

