## **KATY DAVIS**





Emmy® Award winning Producer Katy Davis is a television executive with twenty years of experience creating and producing "The Oprah Winfrey Show", the most successful show in the history of daytime television.

Driven, energetic and innovative, Davis is a creative force with a proven track record of success in crafting high profile, groundbreaking shows and initiatives that touch and inspire millions on a national and global scale.

Davis was part of the small core team that created the iconic "Oprah Winfrey Show" brand. She produced more "Oprah" episodes than any other Senior Supervising Producer during her time at Harpo, and was responsible for numerous exclusive shows and series, including history-making

interviews with world leaders Nelson Mandela, President Clinton, President George W. Bush, and Hillary Clinton; and headline-generating one-on ones with countless A-List celebrities including Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt, John Travolta, Jennifer Aniston, Jim Carrey, Halle Berry, Bono, Bon Jovi, Mariah Carey, Jay Z.

The shows Davis produced rank as some of the most memorable "Oprah" shows in history, including: Surprise Oprah! A Farewell Spectacular (Oprah calls the moving tribute Davis conceived with 300 Morehouse Men her favorite moment of the entire blockbuster finale season); Oprah's After Oscar Party LIVE from the Kodak Theatre (2011); First Lady Michelle Obama: The Bravest Families In America; Oprah Post Election Special (#1-rated show of Season 23); Over 100 Osmond's reunite (#1-rated show of Season 22); President George W. Bush; President Bill Clinton; Jay-Z and Barbra Streisand; Oprah and Bono Paint the Town Red with Kanye West, and Penelope Cruz (to launch Bono's Red campaign); Bill Gates Exclusive Education Specials; Exclusive: The Cast of Twilight; Oprah on Location: Operation Katrina Move In Day Special (2005); Inside the Life of Hoarders—2 part series (#3 and #5 rated shows of season 22); and Oprah's All-Time Favorite Guest Revealed.

TIME Magazine called the Oprah Surprise Spectacular Finale tribute segment Davis conceived with 300 Morehouse Men "a truly moving moment that brought Oprah's biggest tears..." And The New York Times called her 2001 "Islam 101" show, presented after the Sept. 11 attacks, "culturally a huge step" and "the most successful" response to the public's thirst for information in the aftermath of 9/11. TV Guide ranked her "MacKenzie Phillips Stunning Incest Revelations" and her historic "Little Rock Nine Reunion episode in the top 25 most memorable Oprah Shows off all time. The Little Rock show was called "the most unforgettable reunion in Oprah Show history".

The episode she produced with Ellen DeGeneres and Her Wife, Portia de Rossi in 2010 won a GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding Talk Show Episode.

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Davis has also executed large scale national and global field productions and events. She was hand-picked to serve as Executive Producer /Show Runner for the ABC primetime special, "Building A Dream: The Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy." Broadcast on ABC in February 2007, the one-hour special garnered nearly 9 million viewers, the network's highest number of total viewers and Adults 18-49 in two months. The special also ranked as #1 in its timeslot for Women 18-34. Davis also conceived and Produced "Christmas Kindness" --Oprah's journey with staffers to bring gifts to 50,000 children in South Africa. Oprah called it: "One of the greatest experiences of my life". The TV special aired on ABC in primetime and generated over \$7 million dollars in donations.

In 1999, Davis conceived and launched Oprah's Angel Network (OAN), a public charity that raised and distributed over \$80 million dollars throughout its twelve-year history. Programs she created mobilized millions of viewers to join forces with Oprah to impact lives in their communities and around the world.

Under Davis' leadership, Oprah's Angel Network built 60 schools in 13 countries educating 60,000 students; built 300 homes for Hurricane Katrina survivors; and partnered with well-known figures and celebrities including Jon Bon Jovi, Tyler Perry, Amazon's Jeff Bezos, Paul Newman, Eva Longoria, NBA star Kevin Garnett and many more.

In her Harvard commencement address on May 30,2013, Oprah said: "...It was the Angel Network that actually focused my internal GPS. It helped me to decide I just wasn't going to be on TV every day but that the goal of my shows, my interviews, my business, my philanthropy, all of it... would be to make clear that what unites us is ultimately is far more redeeming and compelling than anything that separates me..."

Davis' visionary work in creating Oprah's Angel Network was instrumental in elevating Oprah and "The Oprah Winfrey Oprah Show" beyond the television screen and onto the world stage, building her legacy for generations to come.

Davis also discovered and developed talent to feature on Oprah shows including Dr. Oz, Suze Orman and Dr. Laura Berman.

With over two decades of experience leading and managing production teams, Davis has extensive experience supervising multiple teams and overseeing the entire process of creating episodes including shooting, scripting, and editing, post-production and set design; and maintaining show budget. She also worked with publicity, marketing, on-air promotion, online and legal to maximize episodic promotion and ensure editorial integrity.

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Davis lead production on major international shoots for countless Oprah Shows around the world, as well as two Prime Time specials from South Africa.

Most recently, Davis has taken her passion for creating groundbreaking television to NBC Universal. In her executive leadership role, Davis helped create and launch the MEGYN KELLY TODAY SHOW in the summer and fall of 2017.

An expert at launching innovative programs and cultivating new talent, from 2015 to 2017 Davis created and served as Show Runner and Executive Producer of the Nida'a Show –a Prime Time Talk Show airing on Discovery International, TLC in 22 countries across the Middle East and North Africa, and global Huff Po/AOL series called The Zainab Salbi Project.

The premiere episode of the groundbreaking Nida'a series features a rare interview with the iconic Oprah Winfrey in her very first interview in The Middle East. Ms. Winfrey's appearance on Nida'a sets the tone for the high-profile season that includes appearances by Donna Karan, President Bill Clinton, Geena Davis, and Arab Idol Star Mohammed Assaf.

The Nida' series also featured exclusive groundbreaking interviews: Girls who escaped captivity as Isis Sex Slaves, and an Iraqi Father who made the ultimate "Sophie's Choice" sacrifice in order to save his family from ISIS.

TLC is the world's #1 top woman's pay TV brand with almost 400 million global subscribers.

In 2013 Davis created and Executive produced three groundbreaking pilot shows in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

And in 2012, she served as Executive Producer for the "Bethenney" talk show pilot.

Prior to Harpo, Davis served as a Producer at WOR-TV in Secaucus, NJ for "Nine Broadcast Plaza" hosted by Matt Lauer where her outstanding work earned her an Emmy nomination in 1990.

Davis was a National Champion Freestyle Skier and ranked second in the world at the 1980 World Cup.

She is the proud Mother of her son Andrew.

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