

Sheila Thompson Biography



Sheila Thompson's career in entertainment has spanned two decades. Since 1993, Ms. Thompson has donned a variety of hats - producing over 25 theatrical shows and live events, as well as directing over 16 plays across Amsterdam, Canada, India, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, and West Africa. She is the creator of the comedy compilations, *Cougars and Kittens* and *Geezers, Lounge Lizards, and Studs*. Her company, Sheila Thompson Casting, has recruited talent for television, music videos, commercials, and an array of films.

Ms. Thompson's interpersonal skills in dealing with different cultures have been a key asset on many productions. Those skills were utilized most in 2012, when she served as the On-site Coordinator for two large-scale events—K.E.Y.S (Kingdom Economic Yearly Summit, a four-day conference at the Airport Marriott Hotel) and at the F.C.C.I. (Fellowship of Companies for Christ International, a conference at the Ritz Carlton in Marina Del Rey); in 2013, she coordinated the red-carpet premiere and VIP afterparty for the movie "Doonby," starring John Schneider, Ernie Hudson, Joe Estevez, and produced by Peter McKenzie.

Her bubbly personality, eclectic style, and resiliency led her to be honored with two Artist Achievement Awards. Sheila Thompson will always get the job done with professionalism and a relentless optimism.

Philanthropic Work

Pan Pacific Film Festival

- 2010, Production event coordinator for Pan Pacific Film Festival (PPFF) Japan Cultural Center
- 2011, Director of the pitch session and event coordinator for the PPFF at the famed AT&T Center
- 2012, Ms. Thompson served as the General Manager for PPFF at the Santa Anita Westfield Mall

Robert Lee Rush Foundation

- 2009, Ms. Thompson created the Robert Lee Rush Foundation (RLRF), an accredited 501(c)3 foundation in honor of her late fiancé. The foundation aims to enhance, enrich, and empower young adults. RLRF initiated a sponsorship arrangement to support the Pan Pacific Film Festival
- 2011, *He's Only Thirteen*: RLR Foundation co-funded a movie, *He's 13*, a short film based on moral principles found in the Bible. It was shot under the 168 Film Project, a faith-based, worldwide incubator in which filmmakers produce a short film in 7 days
- 2011, Sheila, through RLRF, served as Fundraiser Coordinator for the Read Write Excite Program (Empowering 2nd and 3rd graders towards reading and writing). Notable sponsors included Panda Express
- 2012, Sheila received public recognition for her dedication and hard work: Ms. Thompson was awarded a Certificate of Recognition award by the State of California, presided by the Honorable Senator Curren D. Price, Jr. of the 26th District

2013, Sheila began coordinating and planning fundraisers on behalf of other foundations through RLRF. The first of these efforts are planning two separate fundraisers on behalf of F.A.C.E.S.S., a foundation that is seeking to expand their financial means to rescue and help young girls that have been subjected to exploitation and sexual trafficking.