

Ken Kragen

Executive Producer

Ken Kragen has produced several hundred hours of top rated network film and television projects, ranging from the groundbreaking "Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" on CBS to Kenny Rogers' "Gambler" movies and numerous series, mini-series and films. He has written the best-selling book "Life is a Contact Sport" and has lectured at UCLA, USC, University of Tennessee, and Harvard.

Ken Kragen has successfully managed some of the world's most important entertainers including Kenny Rogers, Lionel Richie, Trisha Yearwood, Olivia Newton John, Burt Reynolds, The Bee Gees and, of course, The Smothers Brothers. He was the creator of two of the most significant charity events in the 20th Century: "We Are The World" and "Hands Across America". More recently he produced Cisco System's "Net Aid". For these accomplishments he was awarded the United Nations Peace Medal.

Kragen received dozens of awards including two MTV Awards, an American Music Award and several Emmy nominations. He is the only individual ever elected President of both the Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music. He serves on several boards and was also named Alumnus of the Year at the University of California, Berkeley.