

Jacqui Poor - Multiple Award Winning Producer/Writer/Director/Voiceover Talent

Creating authentic programming that inspires, entertains and educates

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Jacqui Poor is a successful freelance television producer, writer, director and voice over talent with thirty-seven years of industry experience. She's earned fifteen Mid-America Emmy Awards, fifty-one Mid-America Emmy Nominations, fifty-three International Telly Awards (Silver and Bronze), and two Aurora Awards among others.

As a Freshman in college, she began volunteering running a camera and eventually technical directing for the religious television program, *Think About Tomorrow* that aired on KPLR-TV. During her Junior & Senior years in college, Jacqui created and produced the multi-camera live on-campus *Comedy Improv at the Summit* monthly Friday night cable television series featuring national, regional and local comedians, to earn her Television Production class Practicum Credits. Every show sold out, which was a record for the UM-St. Louis, a commuter-college at that time. Interestingly, the local Funny Bone Comedy Club noticed a big attendance drop on their Friday shows during the monthly campus live comedy cable TV series. This experience led her to a full-time job offer with the Funny Bone Comedy Club national chain as their National Publicist and Media Coordinator. During her six years with the Funny Bone Comedy Club national chain, she worked on national productions with *Showtime's Comedy Club Network*, *Dick Cavett's Comedy Club Syndicated Radio Show* and *HBO's Comic Relief*. Her volunteer and paid work with *HBO's Comic Relief*, producing packages, and producing/staging a headliner HBO St. Louis Comic Relief concert at Kiener Plaza, and a three-hour local multi-cable *St. Louis HBO Comic Relief* telethon which raised nearly two-hundred thousand dollars, led to an offer with Continental Cable where she worked full-time within the cable industry for fifteen-years. For the cable companies, she produced several shows including *St. Louis Aces World Tennis*, *See Hear*, *I Want More*, *Reel Entertainment*, and *Movie Makers*, where she got to attend press junkets in LA, Hawaii and British Columbia and do satellite interviews with the film stars and directors. During this time, Jacqui also independently produced her original children's show series, *Elementary Explorer*, which was awarded thirty-thousand dollars in grant funding.

As a film producer/writer/director, three of her documentary shorts were selected to screen within the St. Louis Filmmaker's Showcase.

Currently Jacqui Poor is a freelance Producer for HEC Media and Educate.Today where she specializes in producing inspirational, human-interest, entertainment, historical packages/stories, and historical short docs, for HEC Media, some of which also appear on *Spotlight*, which airs on KPLR-TV.

She co-produces live educational simulcast educational programs and produces web content for the nation's premiere learning web resource, Educate.Today.

Jacqui continues the long tradition of her broadcasting mentors who guided her career, and is committed to sharing her experience to inspire the next generation of journalists.

Jacqui is a member of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) - Mid America Chapter and served as Board Member Vice President 1997-2002.

Jacqui earned her Bachelors of Arts Degree in Communications from The University of Missouri – St. Louis and an Associate in Arts Degree in Theater from St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley.

Jacqui Poor received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Missouri Colleges Association and was inducted into the St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley Hall of Fame.