

## Chapter 15

# In Remembrance *The Entertainment Industry Toll of Firearm Deaths*

## In Remembrance

These pages are dedicated to those we have lost to gunfire.

Stanley Adams	Actor	Suicide
Ross Alexander	Actor	Suicide
Judith Barsi	Actress	Homicide
Mary Kay Bergman	Actress	Suicide
Barry Brown	Actor	Suicide
Clyde Bruckman	Writer	Suicide
Paul Burn	Writer/producer	Suicide
William Callahan	Actor	Homicide
Donald Cammell	Writer	Suicide
Kurt Cobain	Singer/songwriter	Suicide
Russ Columbo	Actor	Suicide
Sam Cook	Singer/entertainer	Homicide
Jill Dando	Actress	Homicide
Nick DeNoia	Producer/director	Homicide
Peter Duel	Actor	Suicide
Mal Evans	Actor/producer	Homicide
Richard Farnsworth	Actor	Suicide
Ed Flanders	Actor	Suicide
Spencer Garbett	Actor	Suicide
Marvin Gaye	Singer	Homicide
Jonathan Hale	Actor	Suicide
Rusty Hamer	Actor	Suicide
Phil Hartman	Actor	Homicide
Jon Erik Hexem	Actor	Unintentional
Ken Howell	Actor	Suicide

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Rick Jason	Actor	Suicide
Dick Kallman	Actor	Homicide
Terry Kath	Singer/entertainer	Unintentional
Brian Keith	Actor	Suicide
Brandon Lee	Actor	Unintentional
John Lennon	Singer/songwriter/poet	Homicide
Bob Merril	Writer	Suicide
Milos Milos	Actor	Suicide
Burt Moorhouse	Actor	Suicide
Haing Ngor	Actor	Homicide
Notorious B.I.G.	Singer/actor	Homicide
Hugh O'Connor	Actor	Suicide
Selena Perez	Singer/entertainer	Homicide
Freddy Prinze	Actor	Suicide
Richard Quine	Director	Suicide
David Rappaport	Actor	Suicide
George Reeves	Actor	Suicide
Al Roberts	Cameraman	Suicide
Will Rogers Jr.	Actor	Suicide
Nat Ross	Director	Homicide
Albert Salmi	Actor	Suicide
Marcelino Sanchez	Actor	Homicide
Savannah (Shannon Wilsey)	Actress	Suicide
Rebecca Schaeffer	Actress	Homicide
Tupac Shakur	Singer/actor	Homicide
Del Shannon	Singer	Suicide
Walter Slezak	Actor	Suicide
Dorothy Stratten	Actress	Homicide
Carl "Alfalfa" Switzer	Actor	Homicide
Jiro Tamiya	Actor	Suicide
William Desmond Taylor	Director	Homicide
Roger Troutman	Composer/film	Homicide
John Tyke	Actor	Suicide
Fredrick VanPallandt	Actor	Homicide
Gianni Versace	Costume designer	Homicide
Herve Villechaize	Actor	Suicide
Wendy O. Williams	Singer	Suicide
Gig Young	Actor	Suicide

***Spotlight on Depiction of Health and Social Issues***

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## EIC Mission and Operating Principles

The Entertainment Industries Council, Inc. was founded in 1983 by the entertainment industry to lead the industry in bringing its power and influence to bear on health and social issues.

EIC serves as the creative community's trusted source for accurate, science-based information. Current health and social issues addressed by EIC include:

- ◆ Drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and addiction.
- ◆ Firearm violence and safety.
- ◆ Mental illness and stigma.
- ◆ Mental health and teen suicide.

EIC has also mounted successful depiction efforts in:

- ◆ Encouraging organ donation.
- ◆ Traffic safety, with particular emphasis on buckling up on screen.
- ◆ Images of older adults.
- ◆ Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).
- ◆ HIV/AIDS.

### EIC Core Organizational Principles:

1. The entertainment industry is one small piece of the societal puzzle.
2. We recognize that members of the entertainment industry make a variety of positive contributions addressing health and social issues.
3. We utilize a nonjudgmental process respecting creative integrity.
4. We promote voluntary participation.
5. The entertainment industry sets and implements its own agenda.

## EIC Programs

### Education, Resources, Recognition...

EIC has developed a regenerative cycle for its means of addressing the entertainment industry creative community. By providing education, resources and recognition to members of the entertainment industry creative community, we encourage the accurate depiction of health and social issues in entertainment media. This is accomplished by making easy access to useable science-based information available, and, ultimately, recognizing entertainment productions that produce outstanding programs which address these issues responsibly.

While the "recognition" area of EIC's programs is probably the most visible, by way of the PRISM Awards™ annual ceremony and television special, our other areas boast equally inventive programs, including educational briefings on prominent health and social issues, as well as print and internet-based resources for current and future entertainment creators. We have designed all of our programs to be useful and applicable to the creative process, and feel confident that you will find all areas of EIC programming useful. EIC welcomes your interest in and involvement with its programs.

The following services comprise EIC's three program areas. Please acquaint yourself with them, and join us in encouraging the art of making a difference through entertainment.

### Education...

#### *Spotlight on Depiction Briefings*

EIC provides science-based information on accurate depiction to the creative, programming, and standards and practices staffs of production companies, studios, networks, and music companies. EIC has hosted briefings for Fox Broadcasting, The WB, Tribune Entertainment, Imagine, Paramount, MTV, Comedy Central, ABC, The Disney Channel, CBS, UPN, Fox Family Channel, Warner Bros., E! Entertainment, Lifetime, and Studios USA, among others.

#### *PRISM Generation Next*

A series of guest speaker presentations held at television and film schools, *PRISM Generation Next* educates future generations of entertainment creators about accurate depiction. The University of California Los Angeles, Emerson College's Boston and Los Angeles Campuses, California State University – Northridge, Loyola Marymount University, and the American Film Institute are among the schools participating. Fellowships and a scholarship are also available.

#### **Entertainment Industry Forums**

Held in co-sponsorship with virtually all major entertainment industry professional organizations, EIC forums allow participants to explore health and social issues in a cooperative environment, and develop action recommendations to address them.

## Resources...

### **EIC Online**

EIC's website ([www.eiconline.org](http://www.eiconline.org)) includes access to our most recent publications and news releases. Current research relevant to drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and addiction and gun violence are provided and updated daily.

### **"The Art of Making a Difference" CD-ROM**

EIC provides an educational CD-ROM to film and television students as an interactive tool to encourage accurate depiction. It includes video clips of creative and scientific professionals discussing their work with video examples from entertainment productions.

### **First Draft™**

With *First Draft™*, EIC provides free technical assistance. Creators can call our toll-free hotline (800-783-3421) for resource information on crafting portrayals of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and addiction and gun violence, firearm safety and injury prevention.

### **Spotlight on Depiction of Health and Social Issues and Spotlight on...**

EIC publishes the multi-volume *Spotlight on Depiction of Health and Social Issues*, a science-based resource encyclopedia for accurate depiction. This collaborative work of the creative and scientific communities is distributed widely to entertainment industry professionals. The periodic news brief *Spotlight on...* examines particular aspects of these issues in a more in-depth and editorial manner.

## PROFILE

An infoletter designed to give creators quick and timely updates on our industry's depiction efforts, *Profile* continues to be one of EIC's chief vehicles for communication with our constituency.

## Recognition...

### **PRISM™ Awards 2000**

EIC, in partnership with The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) hosts the annual *PRISM Awards* to honor the accurate depiction of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and addiction. The *PRISMS* are televised via national syndication through Tribune Entertainment Co.

### **PRISM™ Awards.com**

The *PRISM Awards* website ([www.prismawards.com](http://www.prismawards.com)) includes entry forms, categories, rules, past and present recipients, information on the TV special, and access to special *PRISM Awards* and EIC merchandise. Also, preview streaming video clips from the show.

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