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Casting Director

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SUMMARY

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NOTABLE CREDITS

more available on request

Ordinary People (1980)

Paramount Pictures | Dir: Robert Redford
Starring: Donald Sutherland, Timothy Hutton, Mary Tyler Moore

*Won Academy Award for Best Picture, Best Actress in a Leading Role, Best Actor in a Leading Role, and Best Actor in a Supporting Role

Cocoon (1985)

20th Century Fox | Dir: Ron Howard
Starring: Jessica Tandy, Maureen Stapleton, Wilfred Brimley

*Nominated for the Artios Award for Best Casting in a Feature Film, Drama

The NeverEnding Story (1984)

Neue Constantine | Dir: Wolfgang Peterson
Starring: Gerald McRaney, Barret Oliver

When Calls The Heart (2014–)

Hallmark Channel | Prod: Brad Krevoy, Brian Bird

Starring: Erin Krakow

*Currently running over 13 seasons

Love Comes Softly (Series & Minis)

Hallmark Channel | Prod: Larry Levinson, Michael Landon

Starring: Katherine Heigl, January Jones, James Tupper, Theresa Russell, Dale Midkiff, Corbin Bernsen, MacKenzie Astin, Haylie Duff, Jordan Bridges, Patrick Duffy, Cloris Leachman, Patty Duke

EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE

Senior Vice President of Talent and Casting / Original Programming

Crown Media | 2015 - 2024

Senior Vice President of Talent and Casting

Larry Levinson Productions | 2002-2014

Vice President of Talent and Production

Columbia Pictures | 1990-1991

Oversaw films in development and/or production, including:

- GLADIATORS
- MY GIRL
- PRINCE OF TIDES
- RADIO FLYER
- BOYZ IN THE HOOD
- SEA WOLF
- THE PROJECTIONIST
- MACHINE GUN KELLY
- SIBLING RIVALRY
- AWAKENINGS
- MISERY

EVP of Talent

Marble Arch | 1984-1986

Vice President of Talent

HBO/Silverscreen | 1984

Oversaw films in development and/or production, including:

- THE HITCHER
- SWEET DREAMS
- VOLUNTEER

AWARDS, NOMINATIONS, & AFFILIATIONS

- CSA Nominations (4)
- Member of Academy of Motion Pictures
- Member of Academy of Television, Radio Arts & Sciences
- Women In Film
- IFM (Independent Film Makers)

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In her forty years in the film industry, Ms. Perry has held several high-profile executive positions. She served as Vice President for Sony/Columbia Pictures, Vice President of Talent for HBO/Silver Screen, President of Marble Arch under Sir Lew Grade, and Senior Vice President of Original Programming of Talent and Casting at Hallmark Channel., where Ms. Perry negotiated and oversaw casting and talent for all film productions. These include original series, wheels, made for television movies, as well as the highly regarded franchise The Hallmark Hall of Fame and recent unscripted projects.

Ms. Perry's years working in film have enabled her to establish strong relationships with top agents and managers in the entertainment industry. She has a keen eye for young talent and is responsible for discovering and giving many "A-list" actors their first film roles. A small sample of her talent roster include but is not limited to: Michelle Pfeiffer, Cuba Gooding Jr., Dennis Quaid, Diane Lane, Robin Wright, Timothy Hutton, Peter Gallagher, Patrick Dempsey, Brad Davis, Dermot Mulroney, Debra Winger, Fred Savage, Rob Lowe, Patrick Swayze, Steve Martin, Emilio Estevez, Kristin Bell, Alfred Woodard, Kelly McGinnis, Lou Diamond Phillips, Laura Dern and Cathy Bates.

A number of the of the feature films Ms. Perry is responsible for casting include *Midnight Express* for Sir David Putnam and Alan Parker, *Young Guns* for Joe Roth, *Cocoon* for Ron Howard, *Ordinary People* for Robert Redford, *The Jerk* for Carl Reiner, *Time Cop* for Peter Hyams, *Tap* for Nick Castle and Gregory Hines, *The NeverEnding Story* for Wolfgang Peterson and *Idolmaker* for Taylor Hackford.

With her Production Company, Rocking Horse Productions, Ms. Perry, and her partner Eugene Davis are in development on several projects: *Carlotta Carlyle*, a series of Mystery novels in development with Appian Way and *Crows Over A Wheatfield*, being developed for a limited mini-series. The duo is finishing a screenplay for an international thriller.
