

Jim Garrard

Producer | Talent Manager | Financial Consultant

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Summary

Successful Actor, Casting Director, Movie & Television Producer, Label Executive, Celebrity Talent Manager, Entrepreneur, Taskmaster and most importantly Philanthropist, who studied Communications at UCLA. By the age of 14, Garrard was already in the presence of Hollywood royalty, sharing the screen with acting legends like Burt Reynolds and Sally Fields. After acting in many films the wide-eyed teen decided to broaden his horizons and try his hands behind the camera. Thanks again to the director Burt Reynolds who brought him on as Assistant Casting Director for the Golden Globe nominated film, Sharky's Machine. He soon moved to Los Angeles, at the age of 18, and went on to cast his first feature film, Mafia King Pin. Guess that is how you get the title Garrard went on to enjoy 11 years as a Casting Director. True to form, he also began his Talent Manager career during those early days, representing a number of the biggest Disco Divas of all time, which does continues today. Being the diehard Entrepreneur, Garrard eventually, in 2003, founded his Production Company and Record Label, DonnaJean Entertainment and DonnaJean Records. Garrard continues to produce film, television, and music and represent the Talent that he believes will shed light on positivity and inspire others in today's society. In late 2014, Garrard was asked to join Todd Bacon, the inventor of 3D sound in creating, 3DA Multimedia LLC, a company that will guide the inventions of Bacon's 3D sound through the final development stage and begin to license this amazing technology. He has made it his mission to make a difference on all levels possible and with any medium necessary. Garrard lives by the philosophy of creating a new equality throughout the industry; creating, what is said to be, the first 360o entertainment company in Hollywood, which recognizes that talent is multifaceted. Garrard began creating a charitable foundation in 2014, The DonnaJean Kitchen.

Experience

Founder and CEO at DonnaJean Media Group LLC

October 2014 - Present (4 months)

Newly formed Parent Company to manage and oversee the activities of The Companies Of DonnaJean. Consisting of: DonnaJean Productions LLC, a film & television production company. DonnaJean Records LLC, a record label and music production company. DonnaJean Management LLC, a talent management company. DonnaJean Events, an speciality & corporate events company. Completing the circle of the 360 degree home to multitalented Artists, Actors, Musicians, Writers, Directors and others with a multifaceted creative career path. All housed under one roof for the creative growth in all genres of the Entertainment Industry.

Producer at The Brew Crew / Sassy B

August 2014 - Present (6 months)

Reality series in final stages of development for Network TV.

Senior Executive Producer at "For Which We Stand"

July 2014 - Present (7 months)

A feature documentary depicting the 25 year history of LARA [LGBT] Academy of Recording Arts]. Told by those who experienced it and the by the eyes of those who lived it! <http://www.ForWhichWeStand.com>

The 9th Annual OUTMusic Awards at Executive Producer for DonnaJean Productions

June 2014 - Present (8 months)

The best of the LGBT Academy of Recording Arts vie for a coveted OUTMusic Awards. [Queer Grammy]. AWARDS SHOW JANUARY 2015

Founder And CEO at JGLLC (JamesGarrard, LLC)

May 2013 - Present (1 year 9 months)

JGLLC owns the assets for the interests that Jim Garrard maintains in several entities around the United States. Some include, Brokerage Consulting Group LLC, DonnaJean Entertainment LLC, DonnaJean Records LLC.

Founding Member at Brokerage Consulting Group

June 2000 - Present (14 years 8 months)

Broker/Dealer Consulting specializing in Regulatory Compliance, FINOP, Audits, New Broker/Dealer Start-Ups! Investment Bankers recruiting and placement and much more. All with a personal level of service unsurpassed in our industry.

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Founder And CEO at DonnaJean Productions, LLC

May 2000 - Present (14 years 9 months)

Film & Television Production Company, producing original work, both scripted and non scripted, to support the Talent signed to the company and to support the creative efforts of DonnaJean itself.

Founder And CEO at DonnaJean Records, LLC

May 2000 - Present (14 years 9 months)

Music Production, Distribution and Publishing.

Founder And Owner at Garrard Graphics, Inc

January 1991 - November 1999 (8 years 11 months)

Graphic Design, Electronic Printing, Traditional Printing.

Casting Director at Casting Director - Independent

November 1984 - April 1991 (6 years 6 months)

Casting Director for numerous feature films, television productions and Documentaries for Studios, Producers, Directors and various Production Companies. Also partners for a couple of productions with a wonderful human, Lindy Rollison.

Casting Director at MGM Studios

March 1982 - October 1984 (2 years 8 months)

Volunteer Experience

Board of Directors at ARCA -AIDS Research of Atlanta

1993 - 1997 (4 years)

Being on the Board of Directors at the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA) was one of the highlights of my business life to date. We took this non-profit that specializes in human drug trials, phase 2 and phase 3, to one of the foremost leaders in HIV drug research. Many of the drugs that today have made HIV a chronic manageable disease, as opposed to the death sentence of years past, were first tested on humans at ARCA. It is amazing what a little non-profit can contribute to the world.

Skills & Expertise

Recruiting

Management

FINRA

Financial Regulation

Social Networking

Entertainment

AML

FINOP

Film Production

Broker-Dealer

SEC filings

Social Media

Publicity

Executive Management

Compliance Consulting

Securities Regulation

Producing

Music Production

Public Relations

Media Relations

Talent Management

Entertainment Industry

Television Producing

Endorsements

Public Speaking
Casting Director
Entrepreneurship
FINRA Regulations
Broker-Dealer Audits
Small Business
Social Media Marketing
Facebook
Digital Media
Music Industry
Financial Services
Private Placements
Securities
Casting
Microsoft Office
Event Management
Event Planning
SEC Filings

Education

UCLA

Communications, Public Relations, 1981 - 1987

Georgia State University

1980 - 1981

Interests

Tennis, SCUBA Diving, Swimming, New Businesses, Dinner out and assisting others to achieve their goals.

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3 people have recommended Jim

"I have worked with Jim for years and consider him one of the best in his field. His commitment to his clients are rivaled. I truly consider him a valuable business partner and have enjoyed knowing him during the years."

— **Steve Finnern**, VP, Sales & Operations, Smarsh, Inc., was with another company when working with Jim at Brokerage Consulting Group

"Jim has been a great business partner in helping me grow my broker-dealer. His vast experience has proven to be quite valuable as I've attempted to establish my B/D business practices. Additionally, his advice is always very pragmatic. He's been a pleasure to work with. I recommend him without reservation."

— **Blake Warner**, was Jim's client

"Jim and BCG have been an indispensable resource to us and have helped guide us through the constantly changing regulatory environment."

— **Brandt Blanken**, was Jim's client

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