

AL GIDDINGS
Director, Producer, Cinematographer

During the past three decades, Al Giddings has earned a reputation as one of the most creative and talented director-producer-cinematographers in the entertainment industry. Never settling for off-the-shelf technology, Giddings is constantly designing innovative cameras, lighting and optical systems in all film and video formats, from IMAX to high definition.

Giddings is well known in the entertainment industry for his creative directing and undersea camera work, demonstrated in such classic films as **THE DEEP** and the James Bond classics **FOR YOUR EYES ONLY** and **NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN**. Giddings pushed underwater film techniques and technology to the edge as director of underwater photography for 20th Century Fox's blockbuster **THE ABYSS**, which captured an Academy Award nomination for outstanding cinematography. He also served as Co-producer/Director of Underwater Photography on James Cameron's 1997 Fox spectacular **TITANIC**, the highest grossing film in movie history. In addition, Giddings directed and filmed the heart-stopping under-ice sequences in **DAMIEN: OMEN II**, and Disney's **NEVER CRY WOLF**.

Giddings has directed and filmed dozens of films for television, including specials on the *Andrea Doria*, the North Pole, deep-sea volcanoes, the great whales and great white sharks. Earning Emmy® Awards for his work on four television specials – **BLUE WHALE**, **SHARK CHRONICLES**, **MYSTERIES OF THE SEA**, and **THE LIVING EDENS: PALAU**, Giddings also co-produced and co-directed **GALAPAGOS: BEYOND DARWIN** in 1996 for the Discovery Channel and **BLUE WHALE: LARGEST ANIMAL ON EARTH** for ABC World of Discovery.

Giddings' topside cinematography produced spectacular white-water sequences for the CBS miniseries **DREAM WEST**. He produced and directed **OCEANQUEST**, a five-part NBC ocean adventure series which captured the number one slot in prime-time ratings. Giddings and his company produced four highly acclaimed one-hour specials, **WATER GIFT OF LIFE** (hosted by Gregory Peck), **IN CELEBRATION OF TREES** (Discovery Channel), **TITANIC: TREASURE OF THE DEEP** (CBS, hosted by Walter Cronkite) and Giddings' music video, **OCEAN SYMPHONY**, which won the American Film Institute's highest award. His most recent work in IMAX Productions, **WHALES** and **GALAPAGOS 3-D**, are garnering national attention and setting attendance records around the world.

Currently, Giddings serves as the Director/President of Al Giddings Images, Inc., Founding Partner of Mandalay Media Arts, and Research Associate at California Academy of Sciences. The Giddings Natural history image library is one of the most extensive in the industry and has been supplying both film and still photographs internationally for three decades. Now retired from underwater diving, Giddings resides on his 3,000-acre ranch in Pray, Montana, frequently attending to his newfound passion – restoring vintage cars.

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HONORS AND AWARDS

Emmy ®, THE LIVING EDENS: PALAU, ABC

Emmy ®, BLUE WHALE: LARGEST ANIMAL ON EARTH, ABC

Emmy ®, SHARK CHRONICLES, ABC

Emmy ®, MYSTERIES OF THE SEA, NBC

Emmy ® finalist, SEARCH OF THE SHINOHARA,

GALAPAGOS: BEYOND DARWIN, Gold Medal, New York Film Festivals

WATER, GIFT OF LIFE, six Gold Medals

OCEAN SYMPHONY, American Film Institute, Best Video of the Year, Nature and Science

SMPTE Fellowship

GRIERSON AWARD, Photographic Excellence

THEATRICAL FEATURES

TITANIC (Fox) Co-producer, Director of Underwater Photography

STRIKING DISTANCE (Columbia) Director of Underwater Photography

THE RIVER WILD (Universal) Director of Underwater Photography

THE ABYSS (Fox) Director of Underwater Photography

BLACK WIDOW (Fox) Director of Underwater Photography

DAMIEN: OMEN II (Fox) Director of Underwater Photography

NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN (Warner) Director of Underwater Photography

BOYS (PF Productions) Director of Underwater Photography

GALAPAGOS (IMAX) Producer, Director, Cinematographer

WHALES (IMAX) Director, Cinematographer

DREAM WEST (CBS) Director, Cinematographer

ON THE EDGE (Alliance Films) Director of Underwater Photography

THE DEEP (Columbia) Director of Underwater Photography

NEVER CRY WOLF (Disney) Cinematographer, under ice scenes

LOVE IS FOREVER (Landon/Hall) Director of Underwater Photography

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY (EON Productions) Director and Cinematographer, underwater scenes

THE END (Burt Reynolds) Cinematographer, underwater sequences

SHARKS TREASURE (United Artists) Cinematographer

DOCUMENTARIES

LIVE FROM A SHARK CAGE (Discovery) Producer, Director, Cinematographer

CUBA'S FORBIDDEN DEPTHS (Discovery) Producer, Director, Cinematographer

SECRETS OF THE HUMPBACK WHALE (Discovery) Producer, Director, Cinematographer

THE LIVING EDENS: PALAU (ABC/Kane) Producer, Director, Cinematographer

TRUK LAGOON: UNDERWATER ODYSSEY (Turner) Producer, Director, Cinematographer

GALAPAGOS: BEYOND DARWIN (Discovery) Producer, Director, Cinematographer

BLUE WHALE: LARGEST ANIMAL ON EARTH (ABC/KANE) Producer, Director, Cinematographer

THE SECRETS OF THE UNDERWATER VOLCANOES (Kurtis) Director of Underwater Photography
TITANIC: TREASURE OF THE DEEP (CBS – Walter Cronkite) Producer, Director, Cinematographer
IN CELEBRATION OF TREES (Discovery) Producer, Director, Cinematographer
WATER, GIFT OF LIFE (music video), Producer, Director, Cinematographer
OCEAN SYMPHONY (MCA music video) Producer, Director, Cinematographer
SHARK CHRONICLES (ABC/KANE) Cinematographer
OCEANQUEST (NBC) Producer, Director, Cinematographer
JAWS: THE TRUE STORY (Nova/BBC) Cinematographer
VISIONS OF THE DEEP: THE UNDERWATER WORLD OF AL GIDDINGS (Nova/BBC)
Cinematographer
THE ETERNAL SEA (Disney) Circlevision, Director and Director of Photography
MYSTERIES OF THE SEA (ABC) Producer, Director, Cinematographer
DIVE TO THE EDGE OF CREATION (National Geographic) Co-director, Cinematographer
LIFE ON EARTH (BBC), Director and Cinematographer, underwater sequences
GENTLE GIANTS OF THE PACIFIC (NBC) Director, Cinematographer
MYSTERY OF THE ANDREA DORIA (CBS) Cinematographer
SEARCH FOR THE SHINOHARA (NBC) Producer, Director, Cinematographer
THE FROZEN WORLD OF SEALS AND WALRUSES (CBS) Cinematographer

COMMERCIALS

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