

INTRODUCTION FOR LARRY THOMPSON

Larry Thompson, our special speaker today, is quite an extraordinary man. He is an acclaimed Hollywood Film Producer and former Personal Manager to over 200 Stars including Drew Barrymore, William Shatner, Cindy Crawford, Mariska Hargitay, Shannen Doherty, Jason Bateman, and Barry White. As a motivational speaker and author of the best-selling book, ***SHINE: A Powerful 4-Step Plan For Becoming A Star In Anything You Do***, Larry consistently appears on National and International Television shows such as *Dr. Phil*, *Extra*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *Access Hollywood*, *Insider*, *E! Entertainment*, *Fox News Live*, as well as *Good Morning TV London*, and BBC 4's *Loose Ends*.

Voted "Showman Of The Year" in 1998 by the U.S. Television Fan Association, Larry started his career in show business as in-house counsel for Capitol Records where he negotiated the famed Beatles breakup. From a lawyer to a personal manager to a film maker, he has produced 18 movies for television, including the highly acclaimed ABC world premiere movie, "And The Beat Goes On: The Sonny and Cher Story," 5 motion pictures, 2 television series, and 3 television specials. Larry received the industry's prestigious Vision Award and his productions have received nominations for 8 Emmys, 2 Prism Awards, and a Golden Globe.

He is the founder of Project Rise and Shine, an organization where successful stars use their power of celebrity to uplift and motivate others to become stars in their own lives. He is perennially listed in *Who's Who In America* and *Who's Who In The World*.

Larry lives in Beverly Hills, California with his wife, Kelly, their daughter, Taylor, and their son, Trevor.

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's give a special welcome to the man who believes "you don't have to be in Hollywood to be a Star" and who knows "how to find the Stardust in us all"

– Larry Thompson!