

**BIOGRAPHY** 

SUSAN BLU Voice Director

From her experience performing a wide range of acting and voice-over credits, Susan Blu brings an extra dimension to her role as director of WING COMMANDER ACADEMY, the new half-hour action adventure animated series based on the best-selling video games and produced by Universal Cartoon Studios in association with Electronic Arts/ORIGIN Systems.

Blu has directed hundreds of animated series' episodes, but began in cartoons in voice over -- with more than 60 lead characters to her credit.

Born in St. Paul, Minn. Blu first came to Los Angeles while in her last year at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. During that visit, she was spotted by a talent scout from Screen Gems and brought to Hollywood to join the studio's talent program.

Landing voice-over work, Blu went on to lend her talents to such characters as the Pillsbury Dough Girl, Pansy and Granny Smurf in *The Smurfs*, Stormer in *Jem*, RC on *Transformers*, Dreamchip Gemstone on *Flintstone Kids*, Princess Paw Paw on *The Paw Paws*, Belfry, Jessica and Futura on *Ghostbusters* and the voice of Reggie for the live-action series *Animal Crackups*.

Since branching off into directing, she has become one of the industry's most prolific talents. She has helmed such series as The Tick, Teenage Mutant Ninja

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Turtles, Magic School Bus, G.I. Joe, Dennis the Menace, Where's Waldo, James Bond Jr., The New Adventures of He-Man, and the upcoming shows VOR-Tech, also from Universal Cartoon Studios, Inc., and Jumanji, Street Fighter, Richie Rich and Beast Wars. Her other directing credits include the specials The Secret Garden, The Wish That Saved Christmas, Kingdom Chums, and the video The Little Orphan Annie Christmas Special.

In addition to the recognition she has received from her directing, voice and vocal creations, Blu has proven to be an accomplished on-camera actress as well, with numerous television, theatrical and commercial appearances to her credit, including guest-starring roles on the series *Knight Rider*, The Bob Newhart Show, St. Elsewhere and Simon & Simon.

When not acting, voicing or directing, Blu teaches workshops for voice-over, and has co-authored the highly acclaimed and widely read resource book, "Word of Mouth: A Guide to Commercial Voice-Over Excellence."

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