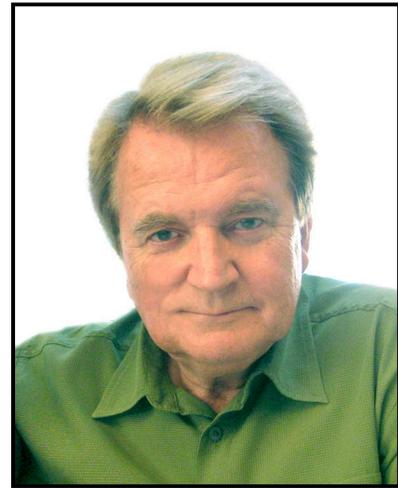


DAVE THOMAS

AMPIA's 2013 Special Achievement Award recipient

Dave Thomas is an Emmy Award winning writer, comedian, actor, producer and director who has created hundreds of hours of television programming. Born in St. Catharines, Thomas began his career at ad agency McCann Erickson, where, within a year, he became the head writer for the Coca-Cola account. Three years later he left advertising to join Dan Aykroyd, John Candy, Gilda Radner and Eugene Levy at the Second City Theater Company in Toronto.



Thomas subsequently co-founded CBC / NBC's critically acclaimed comedy series "SCTV," along with co-stars Harold Ramis, Catherine O'Hara, Andrea Martin, Levy and Candy. During the show's five-year run, Thomas won an Emmy® Award, four Emmy® nominations, an ACTRA Award for Best Variety Performer and an Earl Grey Award, and numerous awards for his work through his animation company, "Animax", including an Emmy, several Pixies and Annie Awards.

With Moranis, Thomas co-created the hugely popular McKenzie Brothers for "SCTV" and co-starred in the cult hit comedy film "Strange Brew" in 1983. The film won the Golden Reel Award that year for the highest box office grossing movie in Canada. The McKenzie Brothers have become an enduring franchise for nearly two-dozen years.

Some of Dave's additional television credits include "The Dave Thomas Comedy Show" for CBS and ABC's "Grace Under Fire" in which he co-starred and wrote. Dave was co-creator and co-executive producer of "America's Funniest People" for ABC and wrote and directed the Fox TV movie "Ghost Mom" starring Jean Stapleton and Geraint Wynn Davies. Dave's company produced 130 episodes of the game show "Family Challenge" for the Family Channel and movies for HBO. Recently, Dave guest starred on numerous television shows including: "Bones,"(FOX), "How I Met Your Mother"(FOX), "Comedy Bang Bang"(IFC), six episodes of the cult hit "Arrested Development" and many others. This year, Thomas wrote an episode of "Bones" and now begins a new season as a Consulting Producer on it.

In addition to voicing Tuke in Disney's hits "Brother Bear" and "Brother Bear II", Thomas has lent his vocal talents to numerous animated film and television projects including "The Simpsons," "Family Guy", "Duckman," "Catdog," "Dilbert," "Animaniacs," "Justice League of America" and "Tarzan".

Thomas has also appeared in numerous feature films, including "Stripes" with Bill Murray and Ramis, "Spies Like Us" (which he co-wrote with Aykroyd) with Chevy Chase and Aykroyd, "The Experts" (which Thomas directed) starring John Travolta and Kelly Preston, "Boris and Natasha" and "Rat Race."

Thomas wrote "SCTV Behind the Scenes," a book that is currently in its second printing and is available in paperback.

Thomas is also a founding partner in Animax Entertainment, a full-service animation studio that produces animated comedy for such companies as ESPN, AOL, Ford, Twentieth Century Fox, Kodak, Warner Brothers and Verizon. Animax won an Emmy® for it's ESPN animated series, "Off Mikes" (created and written by Thomas).

Thomas lives in Agoura Hills, California with his wife Kim and four children John, Emily, Harry and Charlie.