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THE AMERICAN MIRACLE MOTION PICTURE & ITS MISSION

Revealing the Porgotten True Story of the Hand of Providence on America!

Humans are uniquely created with the ability to be impacted and moved by storytelling. Powerful narratives can evoke emotion, inspire a viewpoint, and lead to transformation. Forces in recent times have pushed a false, negative narrative about the foundation and Founders of our country.

This narrative is causing an entire generation and potentially future generations to view our nation as inherently evil, founded upon oppression, racism and slavery, and to look at the Founding Fathers with great contempt. However, there is another, true side to this story that is deeply profound and largely forgotten.

What if the establishment and development of the United States of America, against all odds, has been no accident? What if the Hand of Providence, cited so often by the Founders, did indeed guide their steps and strengthen their belief in and reliance on the God who, as Benjamin Franklin put it, "governs in the affairs of men?" What if America is a miracle?

Join us in this important cause, by sharing word of *The American Miracle: Our Nation is No Accident*, a motion picture that will refocus our attention on the true story of our history, a cinematic experience that will challenge and refute those, who would seek to revise the story of our Nation's founding!



The Cast



MICHAEL MEDVED

Author, broadcaster, historian, and columnist Michael Medved's NY Times bestselling book, *The American Miracle*, is becoming a major motion picture. An honors graduate of Yale, also attending Yale Law School, and a political speechwriter and Hollywood screenwriter, he is a member of USA TODAY's Board of Contributors and is a regular contributor to the Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, and Commentary.

PAT BOONE - THOMAS JEFFERSON (OLDER)

Legendary actor, singer, and composer Pat Boone has been a worldwide Hollywood icon for seven decades, selling over 45 million records, for whom Elvis Presley was once the opening act. Pat plays the elderly Thomas Jefferson, retired at his beloved Monticello, reflecting on a lifetime as one of America's most revered and impactful Founding Fathers.



KEVIN SORBO - THOMAS JEFFERSON (YOUNGER)

An international star, producer and director, known best for his role as Hercules in the 1990s series *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*, one of the most popular syndicated TV series ever, Kevin Sorbo portrays the younger Thomas Jefferson in the prime of his life, struggling with the prospect of doubling the size of the fledgling United States with the Louisiana Purchase.

DANIEL SHIPPEY - GEORGE WASHINGTON (OLDER)

One of America's most celebrated interpreters of George Washington and erudite Washington historian, Dan Shippey portrays the Father of Our Country, a wise, bold, and experienced warrior leader, statesman, and diplomat, who ushered our nation through its many birth pains and endlessly dire circumstances to give rise to the world's most powerful nation we know today.



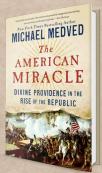
CAMERON ARNETT - PETER SALEM

Veteran Hollywood actor Cameron Arnett (*Nefarious, 1 Still Believe, Star Trek: The Next Generation, The Equalizer, Miami Vice*) portrays the slave-turned-Revolutionary War hero Peter Salem, who fought in many of the Revolution's skirmishes, and killed British Major John Pitcairn at the Battle of Bunker Hill, giving the Continental Army forces new inspiration and motivation.



JAMES ARNOLD TAYLOR - DANIEL WEBSTER

As Daniel Webster, James Arnold Taylor brings his immense talent to the portrayal of the renowned orator. Recognized worldwide as Obi-Wan Kenobi in the Star Wars TV series, as Yondu in the Guardians of the Galaxy TV series, and for his roles in hundreds of movies, TV shows, and video games, James is one of the most versatile and accomplished character and voice actors in Hollywood.



Motion picture series based on Michael Medved's bestselling book.



RACHEL DAY HUGHES - ABIGAIL ADAMS

Actress and singer Rachel Day Hughes achieved high acclaim as Fanny Longfellow in the 2022 hit motion picture, *I Heard The Bells*, having acted in leading and support roles in *Sight & Sound Theatres*' stage productions. As Abigail Adams, Rachel's portrayal of John Adams' wife and closest confidant inspires with Abigail's wisdom, confidence, and support of the Founding Father.



NICOLE C. MULLEN - ELIZABETH "MUMBET" FREEMAN

Nicole C. Mullen is a singer, composer, and choreographer mainstay in the music industry for three decades, and continues a very aggressive concert, speaking, acting, and recording schedule worldwide. She plays Mumbet, a slave, horribly disfigured by her owner, who gains her freedom and new name in one of the first landmark abolition cases in America.

BEN DAVIES - COLONEL JOHN NEILSON

Formerly a top-ranked and multi-champion American decathlete, Ben Davies has enjoyed an illustrious career as an award-winning actor in such fan-favorite movies as *Courageous, Overcomer*, and *War Room*. In *The American Miracle* he plays New Jersey Militia commander John Neilson, who was also one of the first to publicly present the Declaration of Independence.



KERA O'BRYON - MARY BALL WASHINGTON

George Washington's very devoted mother was adamantly against her young son marching off to battle in the early, perilous encounters of the French and Indian War. Actress in over 100 movies, Kera O'Bryon plays Mary Ball Washington, who must deal with the reality that her soon to be world famous son is destined for more than tending the family farm.



HENRY JÄDERLUND - NATIVE GUIDE

Native Americans played a very important and indelible part in the birth of our nation, and casting director and actor Henry Jäderlund is renowned for casting extraordinary Native American actors for some of the best known movies, now including *The American Miracle*. Henry also plays the Indian guide that betrays the young French and Indian War courier George Washington.



BARRY STEVENS - BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Ben Franklin is among the most important, influential, and impactful of all the Founding Fathers, having shaped and guided many of the efforts and proceedings that established the United States. This most essential character in American history is portrayed superbly by actor and reenactor Barry Stevens, who bears an uncanny resemblance to the original Franklin.

RYAN WILLIAMS - GEORGE WASHINGTON (YOUNGER)

A veteran of the US Army Infantry, Ryan Williams, a professional George Washington reenactor, historian, and historical guide, plays the young George Washington from his first exploits in events leading up to the French and Indian War, through his recovery from Smallpox and convalescence in Barbados, a remarkably resilient time in Washington's life.

LIBBY SMALLBONE - HANNAH ASHLEY

Hannah Ashley was the wife of a wealthy Yale-educated attorney in 18th century Sheffield, Massachusetts, where she intended to strike a slave child with a red-hot coal shovel, but struck Elizabath "Mumbet" Freeman instead. Mrs. Ashley is played by Libby Smallbone, an accomplished singer and promising actress from a musically rich family and siblings.

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Scholars & Commentators



JOSEPH ELLIS

Pulitzer Prize winning author Joseph Ellis is among the most beloved and influential historians in America, having written multiple NY Times bestselling books. After receiving his PhD in history from Yale, he taught history at West Point, and went on to write some of the most popular and highly acclaimed books on the Founding Fathers.



RICHARD DREYFUSS

One of the most recognizable and best known Hollywood A-list actors spanning seven decades, Academy Award winner Richard Dreyfuss has also been long concerned and is passionately outspoken about the absence of teaching civics in our schools, citing the need to empower future generations with the critical-thinking skills they need to fulfill the vast potential of American citizenship.



FRED KAPLAN

Among the many acclaimed biographies written by Columbia educated, Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Queens College, and Distinguished Professor at City University of New York, Fred Kaplan, are landmark biographies of American icons Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, and Abraham Lincoln. Fred is both a Pulitzer Prize and National Book Critics Circle Award finalist.



PAUL KENGOR

NY Times bestselling author Paul Kengor is Professor of Political Science at Grove City College, Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University, and writer of over 20 books, among them several bestsellers on American history and the presidency, including two books on Ronald Reagan, upon which the highly acclaimed theatrical motion picture Reagan is based.



MARY THOMPSON

In a 38-year career as historian at George Washington's Mount Vernon, culminating as Research Historian of the George Washington Presidential Library, Mary Thompson is considered to be one of the world's foremost experts on the Father of our Country. She has authored 3 seminal books on Washington's faith, his relationship to slavery, and a biography of Martha Washington.



MARGARET PABST BATTIN

Considered one of the "Mothers of Bioethics," Peggy Battin, Ph.D. from UC Irvine, is Distinguished Honors Professor of Philosophy and Adjunct Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Utah. She has written or edited over 20 books and countless papers, including an essay on the "Same-Day Deaths of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson."



JANA NOVAK

A former policy advisor in Washington DC, Jana Novak coauthored, with her famed philosopher journalist father, Michael Novak, *Washington's God: Religion, Liberty, and the Father of Our Country*, the book considered to be the essential analysis of George Washington's faith, countering the long held belief that Washington was a deist, who believed in an impersonal God.



NICK BUNKER

Pulitzer Prize nominated author, journalist, and Cambridge and Columbia educated Nick Bunker espouses a unique British perspective on the American Experiment, having written several books on early and post World War II American history, including the bestselling *An Empire on the Edge: How Britain Came to Fight America*, winner of the George Washington Prize.



STEPHEN MEYER

Philosopher of Science, geophysicist, and college professor Stephen Meyer is the Director of Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture. Steve's books and peer-reviewed volumes include a NY Times bestseller and Times (of London) Literary Supplement Book of the Year, and is a regular contributor to many national network news and talk programs.

JANE HAMPTON COOK

Former staff member at the White House Communication Office and Texas Governor's office, US presidential historian, national television commentator in the US and Europe, and historical storyteller Jane Cook is the award-winning author of 3 children's and 10 mainstream books, including Resilience on Parade: Short Stories of Suffragists & Women's Battle for the Vote.



RONALD DREZ

After a rich military combat career as a decorated US Marine Corps Captain, Ron Drez became an award-winning, bestselling nonfiction author and war historian, having also published many articles in numerous military magazines and periodicals, and as a contributor to the Encyclopedia Britannica. He is one of the foremost scholars on the Louisiana Purchase and Battle of New Orleans.



AKHIL REED AMAR

Considered to be among the top 20 contemporary American legal thinkers, and one of the leading experts on the US Constitution and criminal procedure, Akhil Amar is Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University and Adjunct Professor of Law at Columbia University. Supreme Court justices have cited his work in more than four dozen SCOTUS cases.



ROBERT P. GEORGE

Robert George is McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University. He holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a D.Phil. from Oxford, chaired the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and was a presidential appointee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

JOHN GROOTERS - SCREENWRITER

Writer, producer, and director John Grooters is among the most sought-after screenwriters of faith-based documentaries, feature films, educational media, and commercials, inspiring millions throughout the world. In 2021 John wrote, produced, and directed the multi-award-winning Sabina: Tortured for Christ - The Nazi Years, and wrote the screenplay for The American Miracle.







JAMES GALLAGER - HISTORICAL ADVISOR

US Air Force Colonel (ret.) and combat veteran, attorney, historian, historical interpreter and reenactor, amateur golf champion, and actor, Jim Gallagher, a direct descendant of nine Patriots who participated in the Revolutionary War, was the ever-present historical advisor and supervisor for The American Miracle, a discipline he has also provided for several other movies and series.

LOLITA RITMANIS - COMPOSER

Lolita Ritmanis is a Grammy®, Emmy®, and SCL Award winning Hollywood composer with a long list of original music and orchestrations for television, film, musical theatre, video games, documentaries, and the concert stage, her music having been performed throughout the world, including at Lincoln Center, The Kennedy Center, and Carnegie Hall. Lolita composed, conducted, and coproduced the epic score for The American Miracle, featuring the Liepāja Symphony Orchestra and Latvian National Choir "Latvija," recorded in Liepāja and Rīga, Latvia.



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TIMOTHY P. MAHONEY - EXECUTIVE PRODUCER/DIRECTOR

Timothy Mahoney is the CEO of *Heroic Pictures*, a motion picture studio focusing on telling the true, inspiring stories from throughout history, including *The American Miracle*. He is also executive producer and director of the *Patterns of Evidence* series of feature films produced by the production, distribution, and publishing company he founded, *Thinking Man Films and Media*, a subsidiary of *Mahoney Media Group*.

Tim has spent over 20 years on a worldwide journey, driven by his insatiable curiosity, interviewing thte world's leading biblical scholars, archaeologists, and historians, seeking answers to some of the Old Testament's biggest questions and mysteries, uncovering a pattern of evidence, matching biblical events, revealing God's activity throughout history.

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DOUGLAS B. MADDOX - EXECUTIVE PRODUCER/PRODUCER

Douglas Maddox is Chief Financial Officer of *Heroic Pictures*. He previously founded *DBM Communications, Inc.* to provide fullservice communications to his clients. Doug has earned over 25 Telly, *Communicator, Videographer, Crown,* and *Aurora* awards, and was inducted into the *Producers' Guild of America* in July 2007, where he now holds the position of Chair Emeritus, after founding the *National Capital Chapter*.

Honored with the Marc A. Levy distinguished service award in 2011, his latest works include *Christmas Ranch* on Showtime and Netflix. Doug develops, produces, and distributes award-winning films, including *Elvis Home Movies, The Rack Pack, The Bill Collector, Undaunted, Christmas Ranch*, and *Hope's Legacy*.



RALF W. AUGSTROZE - EXECUTIVE PRODUCER/PRODUCER

Ralf Augstroze is Chief Operating Officer of *Heroic Pictures*. A multimedia producer, publisher, international corporate business, marketing, and finance senior executive in national nonprofit organizations and Fortune 50 companies, he was the producer and one of the cinematographers of the multi-award-winning theatrical documentary motion picture, *Against The Tide*, and the syndicated television series, *Life and the Universe: How Did It All Begin?*

A board member of the *George Washington Society*, previously, under his leadership of the nonprofit *Providence Forum*, he was the founding publisher at *Providence Forum Press*, where he published the #1 nationally bestselling book, *George Washington's Sacred Fire*, and was supervising producer of the nationally syndicated TV program, *Proclaiming the Word*. He is a two-time Emmy nominee for producing and directing.

JANE E. BJORK - DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

Jane Bjork is the Director of Marketing for *Heroic Pictures*. She joined the film industry 10 years ago, managing sales and marketing under Timothy Mahoney, founder, president, and producer/director of *Thinking Man Films and Media*, a subsidiary of *Mahoney Media Group*. Having released the 7 documentary films of the *Patterns of Evidence* series, including both theatrical and digital releases, Jane affirms, "Marketing is a team effort in an ever changing culture; but, our goal is to produce and distribute films that change and inspire for good, and for God's glory."

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