Biography for Richard Dyrkacz

Screenwriter | Creator | Project Lead | CEO of Epic Fantasy Productions, Inc.

**Richard Dyrkacz** is the creator and screenwriter behind *The Secret Treasure*, a visionary epic fantasy adventure more than a decade in the making. With a rare combination of medical training, engineering precision, and storytelling passion, Richard brings a unique voice — and unmatched discipline — to the world of film.

He holds both a **Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)** and a **Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering**, with expertise in strategic planning, innovation management, and leading complex, cross-disciplinary projects. He is also a certified **Project Management Professional (PMP)** and a **Distinguished Toastmaster**, blending scientific rigor with high-level communication and leadership skills.

Richard’s passion for film began during high school and university, where he worked in a movie theatre and developed a deep understanding of what captivates audiences. That early spark evolved into a lifelong pursuit of story craft — culminating in *The Secret Treasure*, which he originally published as a novel under the title *The Treasure of Windleheim*.

When the project was first optioned and later fell through, Richard didn’t give up. Instead, he **systematically studied over 500 films**, conducting scientific story analysis on 40 of them to reverse-engineer what makes a movie unforgettable. The result: a storytelling formula that combines emotional authenticity with mythic structure — and it's been purposefully embedded into *The Secret Treasure*.

He is also an **endurance athlete**, having completed over **40 marathons** and **17 full Ironman triathlons**, including the Ironman World Championships in Nice and Kona. His approach to storytelling is no different — fueled by grit, consistency, and vision.

Today, as the CEO of **Epic Fantasy Productions, Inc.**, Richard is more than a creator — he’s the driving force behind an ambitious, investor-ready production built to entertain, inspire, and endure.

Biography for Judy Heverly
Founder of the British Connection | Producer

**Judy Heverly** is a seasoned film producer and international entertainment finance consultant with over 15 years of experience connecting socially meaningful projects to global funding networks. As founder of **The British Connection**, she has helped secure millions in financing for film, television, and humanitarian media ventures across the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East.

Judy’s career began as an actress in London, where she worked with acclaimed directors including **Dick Lester**, **Roman Polanski**, **John Schlesinger**, and **Carlo Ponti**. After attending **UCLA’s prestigious film school**, she transitioned into development and finance, studying under Paula Morgan Harris, whose family helped produce *Around the World in 80 Days*. Together, they worked with the Selznick family on *The Little Buddha* and helped finance several notable independent films.

Judy’s production and finance highlights include:

* Helping arrange **$7 million in funding** for a James Dean feature
* Supporting **$5 million in financing** through Inverness Capital Corporation
* Structuring a **$20 million insured deal** for Millennium Television Network
* Assisting the late **Frank Capra** with international funding partnerships

Her late husband, **Robert Heverly**, was a respected screenwriter and former head of the **Story Department at Warner Bros.**, adding deep creative heritage to Judy’s production insight. She continues to champion stories with social impact, leveraging her network to access private equity, structured finance, and humanitarian grants.

Judy has been interviewed by **CBS, CNN, and BBC London**, and was featured in a Disney World television special for her philanthropic work with youth. She has collaborated with high-profile figures including **Robin Leach** (*Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*), and remains dedicated to supporting emerging filmmakers and uplifting underrepresented voices through film.

Today, through The British Connection, Judy brings a powerful combination of creative instinct and financial expertise to every project — with a passion for stories that uplift, inspire, and resonate worldwide.