

JONATHAN HACKETT, Producer

Biography

With 20 years of experience in the entertainment industry to his credit, Jonathan Hackett is the Toronto-based producer of WAR OF THE WORLDS, the science-fiction adventure series distributed by Paramount Domestic Television.

Born in England, Hackett came with his family to Canada at a young age. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario in Toronto and got his start in the film business in Montreal, where he worked on numerous films and television series as a production assistant, boom operator and key grip.

As his experience increased, Hackett's talents aided his rise through the production ranks. He served as the production manager on the films "Judgement in Stone" and "Follow That Bird," and produced numerous television commercials and video promotional pieces as a freelancer for companies in Toronto and New York.

In 1986, Hackett was named production manager of the hourlong television series "Adderly." After the first four episodes, he was made producer of the program, and went on to produce two seasons of the show, which aired on CBS. During his tenure as producer, the series garnered Best Actor and Best Actress honors for Winston Rekert and Dixie Seatle, respectively, at the 1987 Gemini Awards (the Canadian equivalent of the Emmy Awards).

In the spring of 1988, Hackett was named producer of WAR OF THE WORLDS. In that capacity, he is responsible for the physical production of the series in Toronto, where it is filmed.

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