## CRAIG SAFAN

Craig Safan has composed the music for over twenty feature films including "MR. WRONG", "STAND AND DELIVER", "MAJOR PAYNE", "NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET IV", "REMO WILLIAMS", and "THE LAST STARFIGHTER".

In television, Craig is best known for his work as the composer for the series "CHEERS" for



which he was awarded eight ASCAP "Top TV" awards, as well as for his music for "LIFE GOES ON" (Emmy nomination). He has also composed the music for many other series and over 30 television films and miniseries. His music has been performed by Bernadette Peters, Nathan Lane, Faith Prince, Emma Thompson, Leon Redbone, and Amanda McBroom as well as the London Symphony and Cincinnati Pops Orchestras. His musical, "BUTTERFLY" was produced at the Goodspeed Opera House, and "LOLA (THE TRUE STORY OF LOLA MONTEZ)" was part of the Eugene O'Neill Musical Theater Conference. His new musical "CLUB CALIFORNIA" was recently produced at Arcadia University. Craig also composed all the music and songs for the 144th edition of Ringling Brother's Barnum & Bailey Circus. His CD "Circus!" was recently released on Perseverance Records. His company, Miles End, Inc. continues to produce music for all mediums.

Craig is a graduate of Brandeis University and was the recipient of both the Senior Prize in Drama and the Senior Prize in Music. He was also the recipient of the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship which allowed him to independently pursue his music in London after graduation. Craig has given seminars or spoken at The American Film Institute, USC Film School, ASCAP Film Music Workshop, Berklee College of Music, and UC Santa Barbara.

Craig is a 30-year member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, where he sits on the Music Executive Committee of the Academy. For many years he was part of the President's Art Council at Brandeis University. Craig also serves on the Selection Committee for the Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellowship in New York City.

Craig and his wife, Linda Safan, are actively involved in Disability Rights issues and were recently awarded a Certificate of Commendation by mayor Anthony Vallaraigosa of Los Angeles as well as by County Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas for their work in founding the Circle Of Friends, a nonprofit organization that pairs disabled and non-disabled students throughout California and other states.