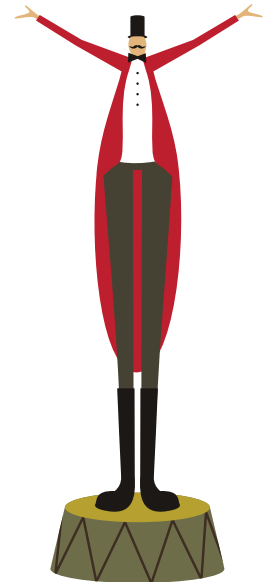


Paul Binder

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EDUCATION

Dartmouth College, Hanover NH - Bachelor of Arts, 1963
Major- History-emphasis on Cultural and Intellectual History
Member Dartmouth Players- acting, directing, playwriting and lighting design
Columbia University Graduate School of Business, MBA, 1966
Major – Marketing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| Big Apple Circus, Founder
- Recruited first Board of Directors
- Served as President of Board (1977-89) | 1977 - present |
| Big Apple Circus, Artistic Director
- Produced 32 shows.
- Directed shows, including 17 at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, 1977-98
- Supervised Design and Production Process, including direct collaboration with Musical Director, Choreographer, Staging Director, Costume, Scenic, Lighting and Sound Designers, 1977-2008
- Recruited all talent, attending festivals and shows worldwide
- Recruited and hired creative teams
- Performed as clown (two years) and Ringmaster/host (29 years) | 1977 - 2008 |
| Sesame Street Workshop, Sesame Street as Paul the juggler
Episode: <i>Setting up Oscar the Grouch's Bowling Alley</i>
Seven Inserts: <i>Numbers 6-12</i> . Each aired several times/year | 1977 - 1984 |
| Cirque Municipal, Amiens France | 1976 |
| Nouveau Cirque de Paris, Tour of France
- Tour included: Paris, Dijon, Marseilles, Avignon, Perpignan, Besancon, LaRochelle, Amiens (circus building)
- Juggling Act
- Studied Tent design and Seating | 1975 - 1976 |
| Casino de Paris, Paris, France
- Comedy Juggling Act in traditional review <i>Zizi Je T'aime</i>
- Appeared on French National TV with Zizi Jeanmaire | 1974 - 1975 |

- Street Juggler 1973 - 1974
- Started in San Francisco
 - Traveled from New York to London, Paris, Zurich, Genoa, Brindisi, Corfu, Athens, Istanbul, Vienna, Munich, Provence and returned to Paris
- San Francisco Mime Troupe 1970 - 72
- Comedy Actor
 - Tour Booking
 - Marketing
- Merv Griffin Productions 1966 - 1970
- *Merv Griffin Show*, Talent Coordinator
 - *Jeopardy*, Associate Producer
 - First job, Production Assistant
- WGBH TV (PBS) Boston 1963 - 1964
- Floor Manager (Most notably for *The French Chef* with Julia Child)
 - Production Associate, various shows
- Hopkins Center Repertory Theater 1963
- *Man and Superman* (Shaw) Straker, the New Man
 - *Much Ado About Nothing* (Shakespeare), Borachio
 - *The Country Wife* (Wycherly) Preacher

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Guest seminar leader-lecturer "Ritual, Theatre, Circus." 2002 - 2010
- Taught at the Theater Departments of Dartmouth College, Harvard College, Barnard College, University of Virginia.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Person of the Week ABC News with Charles Gibson, October 2008
- NYC Living Landmark, NY Landmarks Conservancy, 2000
- Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts Rhode Island College, 1999
- Honorary Lifetime Membership Lotos Club New York City, 1998
- Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Long Island University, 1997
- Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts, Pratt Institute, 1992
- Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts, Dartmouth College, 1988
- Member of Jury Festival International du Cirque Monte Carlo, 1987, 2005
- Member of Jury, Festival Mondiale du Cirque de Demain, Paris, 1984-present and Budapest Circus Festival, 2005 & 2009
- OBIE Award, Outstanding Achievement in Theater, 1981

BOOKS

- In process: *Folks, You Can't Make This Stuff Up – memoirs of a ringmaster* with Robert P. Libbon - Gersh Agency, Phyllis Wender, 2010
- Afterword, *The Circus is Coming* by Hilary Knight
Random House, 2007
- Introduction, *Jean-Paul: à la Recherche du Rire* by Frederic Bollman
Editions Gardine, Paris, 2000
- Introduction, *The Magic Ring*, by Hana Machotka
William Morrow Company, New York, 1988

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Trainer-coach: *Barnum* (Broadway, National Tour, London Production) trainees included Glenn Close, Jim Dale, Michael Crawford, Stacey Keach

Films: *Alice* (Woody Allen)
Arthur 2 (Bud Yorkin) 1988
Annie (John Huston) 1982

TV: Circus staging director: *Evening at Pops, Pops Joins the Circus*, (PBS) 1985
Great Circuses of the World (ITV-Britain) 1984
The Big Apple Circus (HBO) 1982

