

KEN LEVINE TALKS ABOUT WRITING FOR THE THEATER



Ken Levine shared with our writers how he used his experience as a TV writer in order to write for theater and the process he went through to get "Going, Going... Gone!" Produced.

Topics discussed:

- Why did he decide to write for theater?
- Why should experienced TV writers consider writing a play?
- What's his process? How does it differ from writing for TV?
- Things he wished he'd known before he started
- How does he set about getting his plays produced?
- What are the major differences in writing for a TV audience and a theatrical one?
- What are the similarities with writing for TV?
- What skills did he already have which helped him?

Ken Levine is an Emmy winning writer/director/producer/major league baseball announcer. In a career that has spanned over 30 years Ken has worked on *Mash*, *Cheers*, *Frasier*, *The Simpsons*, *Wings*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, *Becker*, *Dharma & Greg*, and has co-created his own series including *ALMOST PERFECT* starring Nancy Travis. He and his partner, David Isaacs, wrote the feature *VOLUNTEERS*.

Ken's plays include *Going, Going... Gone!* *Upfronts & Personal* and *A or B?*. His musical, *The '60s Project*, which he co-wrote with Janet Brenner, was directed by Tony-winner Richard Maltby Jr. and starred Andrew Rannells at the Goodspeed Theatre in Connecticut.

Ken also writes a popular daily blog, "By Ken Levine," which was named one of the ten best television blogs in America by *Entertainment Weekly* and one of the 25 best blogs in the world by *TIME* magazine. He contributes essays to the *Huffington Post* and has written articles for the *Los Angeles Times*, *London Times*, *Toronto Star*, *Hollywood Reporter*, *Variety* and *ESPN.com*. He's written four books including *The Me Generation... By Me* (Growing Up in the '60s), and *It's Gone!... No, Wait a Minute ...* (Talking My Way into the Big Leagues at 40).

Ken has also been the radio/TV play-by-play voice of the Baltimore Orioles, Seattle Mariners, San Diego Padres. and has hosted *Dodger Talk* on the Dodger Radio Network.