



CHERYL STUTZKE

Cheryl Stutzke is a groundbreaking Chicago director whose talents have been the foundation of countless successful television productions. Her career as a director, assistant director and stage manager spans four decades with almost 30 years on the full-time staff of WBBM-Television.

Cheryl received two Emmys at WBBM-TV, the first in 1986 for directing *Its Fun to be Fit* and another Emmy one decade later for directing *Sunday with Steve Baskerville*. She has served as director and assistant director on newscasts that range from early morning to late night. Her other directing credits for WBBM-TV include *Common Ground*, *2 on 2*, *Illinois Lottery – Fortune Hunt Game Show*, *The Last Ditka Show*, and *How the West was Lost Sox Special*. Cheryl also had the pleasure of directing numerous Chicago segments for national CBS programs such as *CBS Morning News*, *Nightwatch*, *Pat Sajak*, *Tom Snyder* (her favorite since she met and knew the L.A. crew) and *The 1992 Winter Olympics*.

Prior to joining the full-time staff at WBBM, Cheryl worked her behind-the-scenes magic at television stations WFLD, WLS and WMAQ. She helped orchestrate programs with stars like Dinah Shore, Mike Douglas and Phil Donahue, while showing her versatility with shows ranging from New Year's Eve specials and Chicago Marathons to the Vietnam Veterans Parade and Chicago Emmy Award programs.

Cheryl was a founding member of Chicago Women in Broadcasting --- an organization created to promote the advancement of women in non-traditional television roles --- and served as its president for three years in the late 70's. She was the first female instructor at Columbia College in Chicago and authored an instruction manual called *TV Basics*. Cheryl has been a member of the Chicago Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences since 1974 and has served for several years as a very active member of its Board of Governors.

Cheryl is an owner and the event coordinator for Blue Goose Run, a family owned and operated “agri-tainment” business on farmland in northwestern Illinois. The BGR complex includes a fine-dining “Corn Crib” restaurant, a gift shop and a ten-acre corn maze. Cheryl's talents as a director are put to great use as she handles event planning for weddings, receptions, anniversaries, reunions and other memorable parties.