



## LEONARD ARONSON

For more than fifteen years, WTTW Executive Producer Leonard Aronson has been the person behind some of the most thought-provoking documentaries broadcast on Channel 11. Although much of his work tackles worldwide problems such as racism and violence, he always finds a way to show how those issues affect the people of Chicago.

Len began his career as a newspaper reporter, learning his craft first with the City News Bureau and later with the *Chicago's American* and *Chicago Today* newspapers. He made the move to television in 1977 working as a news and documentary producer for NBC's owned-and-operated station, WMAQ Channel 5. Ten years later, he joined Channel 11.

Since its inception in 1989, Aronson has produced WTTW's *Chicago Matters* series. This award-winning program has covered issues such as the environment, children at risk, aging, race relations, violence, immigration, health care, justice, and education.

Len has produced twenty documentaries for Channel 11 including the Emmy-award winning *Vietnam: The Next Generation* and *Vietnam: A Chicagoan Goes Home*. Len has won an impressive eleven Emmy awards, two Cardinal's Communicator awards and two Peter Lisagor awards. While at Channel 5, he wrote parts of the Peabody award winning *All the King's Horses* and produced the Emmy award winning programs, *Night on the Town*, which looked at the role alcohol plays in our sense of entertainment, and *They All Call it Home*, an exploration of what makes a safe street. He also developed and produced *City in a Garden*, a program examining the greening revolution taking place in Chicago.

Len has traveled extensively both in the United States and overseas, producing documentaries in Vietnam, Thailand, Egypt, Turkey and France. He has worked as a merchant marine and traveled to Africa, Asia, Europe and the Far East, living for extended periods of time in Spain, Germany and Israel. Len has been married for 38 years to Anne Keegan, a former reporter, writer and columnist at the *Chicago Tribune*. They have one son, Patrick, 37, currently living and working in Manila as President of Motorola, Philippines.