

Kieth Merrill

Director, Executive Producer & Writer

Kieth Merrill is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. He serves from time to time on the pre-nominating committee for selected categories of films. He is a member of the Director's Guild of America. He is an award-winning filmmaker with broad experience in a variety of genres and formats. He is a two time Academy Award Nominee, and Academy Award Winner for his feature documentary *Great American Cowboy*. He is the 3-time winner of the prestigious Western Heritage Wrangler Award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. He was nominated for an Emmy for his direction of *Cowboys* in his ten-hour mini series, *Wild West* for Warner Television. The Los Angeles Times hailed his feature film, *Windwalker*, as "One of the year's TEN BEST FILMS." *Windwalker* is listed in the top 100 independent films of all time. Mr. Merrill's films have garnered an impressive list of international awards, citations and critical acclaim. Three of his films: *Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets*; (IMAX) *Windwalker*; (feature) and *Niagara: Miracles, Myths and Magic* (IMAX) have been listed by *Daily Variety* on their roster of "film rental champions from independent distribution." *Grand Canyon: Hidden Secrets* has grossed over \$400,000,000, and is also listed among the top 100 independent films of all time. Mr. Merrill's successful career spans over twenty years as a writer, producer and director. His diverse motion pictures, television, and commercial films have won scores of major national and international honors and awards. He recently completed the special venue production of the 70mm epic, *The Testaments*. He both wrote and directed this period drama for which he and his crew created the largest set ever built in the state of Hawaii. Kieth Merrill has made films with some of Hollywood's most respected producers, including Saul Zaentz (*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Amadeus*, *The English Patient*), Douglas Netter (*Sacketts*, *Babylon Five*, *Five Mile Creek*), and Frank Marshall of Kennedy/Marshall, (*Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *E.T.*, *Sixth Sense*, *Bourne Identity* and *Signs*). Merrill and Marshall recently completed *Olympic Glory*, the highly acclaimed motion picture sanctioned by the International Olympic Organizing Committee.