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About Town

Mileposts

Splash and playwright and author known for novels like *Stern* and *About Harry Towns*, died June 3 in New York. He was 90.

Claude Heater, the opera singer who appeared with his face unseen as Jesus Christ in 1959's *Ben-Hur*, died May 28 in San Francisco. He was 92.

Peggy Pope, the character actress who played tipsy secretary Margaret in the 1980 film *9 to 5*, died June 3 in Fort Collins, Colorado. She was 91.

Lennie Niehaus, the West Coast alto saxophonist, arranger and composer who collaborated with Clint Eastwood on more than two dozen films, died May 28 in Redlands, California. He was 90.

John McCormack, an off-Broadway artistic director who nurtured emerging talent for nearly four decades, died May 18 in New York of causes related to COVID-19. He was 61.

Hitched, Hatched, Hired

Inside the industry's celebrations and news

Weddings

Kathryn Kennedy, director of national publicity at Searchlight, married **Roger Mancusi**, who manages New York programs and member relations at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, in a socially distanced ceremony May 23 in Chicago. After canceling their original 250-person celebration, the couple wed in a black-tie event (complete with masks and Purell) in front of their immediate families and a new puppy, Buster.



Theodore Max Sussman

Births

Joshua Sussman, executive vp business

affairs and operations at ABC Studios, and his wife, **Katya**, a wardrobe stylist, welcomed son **Theodore Max Sussman** on March 20 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Marc Kamler, a partner at APA, and his wife, **Robyn**, a fitness instructor, welcomed **Cameron Reign Kamler** on March 25.

Congrats

MGM named **Rola Bauer** president of international television productions June 8.

Richard Tom was appointed chief technology officer at WarnerMedia on June 1.

Tim Davie was named director general of the BBC on June 5.

Krishnendu Majumdar was named BAFTA's new chair on June 2.

Tricia Melton was hired as chief marketing officer of Warner Bros. Global Kids for young adults and classics June 3.



Studer

Syrinthia Studer was named executive vp at Nickelodeon and Awesomeness Films, a role encompassing development, production, acquisitions and co-financing, on June 1.

Genius Brands International hired **Margaret Loesch** as executive chair and **David Neuman** as chief creative officer

of new kids-centered streaming service Cartoon Channel! on June 5.

Steven Katz joined media group Shout! Factory as vp business and legal affairs on June 8.

Lorenzo Soria was re-elected president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, and past president **Meher Tatna** was re-elected board chair June 3.

ViacomCBS Networks U.K. promoted **Gemma Hewlett** to vp digital channels and **Anna-Belen Dunlop** to senior director of acquisitions June 5.

Corii Berg, executive vp and general counsel at Lionsgate, was named to USC's board of trustees June 2.

Deaths

Bruce Jay Friedman, an Oscar-nominated screenwriter for

Birthdays

JUNE 10

Bill Burr, 52

JUNE 11

Peter Dinklage, 51
Joshua Jackson, 42

JUNE 12

Dave Franco, 35

JUNE 13

Kat Dennings, 34
Chris Evans, 39 →
Stellan Skarsgard, 69

JUNE 14

Boy George, 59
Lucy Hale, 31

JUNE 15

Courteney Cox, 56
Ice Cube, 51
Neil Patrick Harris, 47
Helen Hunt, 57

JUNE 16

Aaron Ehasz, 47
Laurie Metcalf, 65



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