

CHRIS ALBRECHT

Senior Vice President, Original Programming, West Coast -- Home Box Office
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Chris Albrecht was named senior vice president, original programming, West Coast, for Home Box Office in June 1985. He is responsible for directing the day-to-day operation of all HBO West Coast original programming functions for the HBO and Cinemax pay-TV services.

Albrecht is also in charge of all aspects of HBO Independent Productions, a business unit dedicated to developing and producing comedy series, specials and low budget comedy theatrical features for distribution outside HBO.

Before joining HBO, Albrecht worked for five years for International Creative Management (ICM), where he was instrumental in signing such talent as Eddie Murphy, Joe Piscopo, Billy Crystal, Whoopi Goldberg and Paul Rodriguez.

From 1975 to 1980, he was co-owner of The Improvisation nightclub in New York. During those years, he also served as a new talent management consultant for ABC in New York.

Albrecht holds a B.A. degree in dramatic literature from Hofstra University in New York.