

ROBERT COOPER

Senior Vice President, HBO Pictures
President, HBO Worldwide Pictures, Home Box Office

Robert Cooper was named senior vice president, HBO Pictures, in 1988, and president, HBO Worldwide Pictures for Home Box Office in 1991. Based in Los Angeles, he oversees HBO Pictures' development of HBO's original slate of made-for-cable movies, supervises HBO's production of movies and mini-series for broadcast and cable networks, and manages programming operations and administration in the Los Angeles office.

Cooper brought HBO Pictures into a new era of acclaim with the 1991 period musical *The Josephine Baker Story*. The film received 12 Emmy nominations, including one for outstanding drama/comedy special and miniseries, the most for any television special that year. *The Josephine Baker Story* won five awards, including Best Actress (Lynn Whitfield) and Best Director (Brian Gibson).

From 1987 to the present HBO Pictures has received 72 Emmy nominations and has won 22 Emmy Awards. The division has also won eight Golden Globes for performances by James Garner, Lou Gossett, Jr., Robert Duvall, Joan Plowright, Maximilian Schell, Laura Dern and Beau Bridges (twice). 1993 was an unprecedented year. HBO Pictures' *Stalin* and *Barbarians at the Gate* tied for the Best Movie or Mini-Series Emmy, *Barbarians at the Gate* garnered a CableACE for Best Movie, a Golden Globe Award for Best Movie or Mini-Series and the Television Critics Association award for Program of the Year.

The 1993 HBO Pictures Presentation, *And The Band Played On* garnered international attention when it was featured at the Cannes Film Festival. Additionally, the film broke ground by airing on NBC after its successful debut on HBO.

Under Cooper's aegis the HBO Pictures talent family continues to grow with performances from Alan Alda, Matthew Modine, James Garner, Kyle McLachlan, Samuel L. Jackson, Jonathan Pryce, Daryl Hannah, Sissy Spacek, Richard Gere, Anjelica Huston, Lily Tomlin, Ian McKellen, Steve Martin, Dennis Hopper, James Woods, Diane Keaton, Holly Hunter, Swoosie Kurtz and Michael Caine.

Upcoming HBO Pictures include: *The Burning Season*, directed by John

Frankenheimer, starring Raul Julia and Edward James Olmos; *The Enemy Within* starring Forest Whitaker, Dana Delany and Sam Waterston, and *Witch Hunt* directed by Paul Schrader, starring Dennis Hopper and Penelope Ann Miller.

Prior to joining HBO, Cooper served as chairman of Citadel Entertainment, a development and production company, acquired by HBO in 1991 and which reports to him. At Citadel, Cooper produced the first made-for-cable movie, *The Terry Fox Story*, presented on HBO in 1983, featuring Robert Duvall; he met up with the Oscar-winning actor again nearly a decade later for HBO's epic drama *Stalin*.

Cooper's Citadel films include HBO's first original movie, the CableACE award winning films, *The Terry Fox Story* and *Between Friends*, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Carol Burnett, and the Emmy-winning *Murderers Among Us: The Simon Wiesenthal Story*, which won the CableACE Award for Best Movie or Mini-series.

Cooper also won a CableACE Award for the HBO documentary *Rapists: Can They Be Stopped?*, and produced *Dead Man Out*, starring Danny Glover and Ruben Blades, for HBO Showcase. In addition, Cooper produced *Vanishing Act* for CBS and was executive producer of the hour-long series *Adderly*.

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Before becoming a film producer, Cooper hosted the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's highly rated Sunday night investigative journalism program *Ombudsman* for seven years.

Prior to *Ombudsman*, he served as special counsel to the Quebec Inquiry into Organized Crime from 1972-1974. In 1971-1972, he served as Special Assistant to the Attorney General and Minister of Justice for Quebec. In 1980, he founded Canada's first storefront legal aid office. Prior to 1970, Cooper taught at McGill University in three faculties: Law, Sociology and Social Work.

Cooper graduated from McGill University with first class honors in Political Science and Sociology. He earned a Master of Arts in Sociology and a Bachelor of Civil Law degree at McGill University in Montreal.

He received the following awards in his studies at McGill University:

Highest Standing in Political Science and Sociology; The Samuel Lapitsky

Fellowship in Sociology; The Junior Bar Award for Highest Standing in Civil Procedure; The Lord Reading Society of Montreal Award for Highest Standing in First Year Law; The Chief Justice Greenshields Scholarship; The Alexander Morris Exposition Award for Highest Standing in Second Year Law; The Alcan's Scholarship; The Canada Permanent Trust Award for Highest Standing in Family Law, Wills, Successions and Marriage Contracts; The Chief Justice Greenshields Award in Criminal Law for Highest Standing in Criminal Law; The Bar of Montreal Award for Highest Standing in Civil Law; The Bar of Montreal Award for Highest Standing in Civil Procedure; The Joseph Cohan Award for Consistent High Standing through the Study of Law; and The John E. Crankshaw Award in Criminal Law.

He resides in Los Angeles with his wife and children.