

### ***Filmmaker Biography: Amber Edwards***

***Words and Music by Jerry Herman*** is **Amber Edwards'** sixth national PBS documentary. Her previous work includes: *The Dancing Man--Peg Leg Bates* (1992); *Vladimir Feltsman in Moscow* (1993); *Against the Odds: The Artists of the Harlem Renaissance* (1994); *Quicksand & Banana Peels: A Year in the Life of Two Principals* (1999); and *George Segal: American Still Life* (2001).

Since 1987, she has been host and producer of NJN Public Television's long running arts and culture series *State of the Arts*, where she has earned 12 regional Emmy Awards for her work. Ms. Edwards also produces, writes, and narrates the Jersey Arts on the Radio series, heard on NJN Public Radio, WWFM, and WBJB public radio, and has been a regular contributor to WBGO-FM (88.3, Newark), public radio's flagship jazz station.

In addition to the Emmys, her awards include six CINE Golden Eagles, two "Chris" statuettes from the Columbus International Film Festival, two CEN Programming awards, a Gold Plaque from WorldFest Houston, a NETA award, a Silver Plaque from the Chicago International Film Festival, the Silver Screen Award from the U.S. International Film & Video Festival, and two Silver Apples from the National Educational Media Network.

Ms. Edwards' documentaries have been screened at festivals in New York, Chicago, Paris, Dublin, Montreal, Amsterdam, St. Petersburg, Sydney, Naples (Italy), Upsala (Sweden), Durham, NC, Sarasota, FL, Mill Valley, CA, and have been broadcast in the UK, Norway, Italy, Israel, and Japan.

In addition to her film and broadcasting work, Ms. Edwards sings professionally. She has performed in the 92nd Street Y's famous "Lyrics and Lyricists" series, and appears regularly in public and private cabaret venues in New York City and Connecticut.

Ms. Edwards grew up in Kansas City and graduated from Yale University, where she is a Fellow at Branford College.