

RON CELONA has produced, directed and choreographed over 60 productions. As an actor, Ron has performed on Stage, in Films, TV and Commercials. He began his career as an actor, dancer and singer in Philadelphia, PA. Trained in New York at AMDA (American Musical & Dramatic Academy), he worked for several years in New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City, NJ and moved to California in 1984. He continued his education in theatre at Cal State University Los Angeles. During and after attending school he continued his acting career by adding TV and film credits to his resume.

He later became the founder and Producing Artistic Director of the American Musical Theatre Repertory in Los Angeles, CA; a company which produced workshops of new musicals.

Ron moved to the Palm Springs area in 1999 and was the founder and Producing Artistic Director for the Joslyn Center Theatre and Joslyn Players from 1999 through 2007. During his tenure he created an award winning theater company and venue that was supported and respected by the community.

Selected by the McCallum Theatre Institute, a branch of the Lincoln Center Institute, as a teaching artist, he trained teachers in summer workshops. His goal was to train these educators to teach young boys and girls, grades 3 – 12 an appreciation of visual and theatre arts. He also taught theatre arts for the California Riverside County Arts Council and was responsible for creating and delivering a theatre curriculum designed for underprivileged children in Indio and Coachella.

He continued his directing training in 2002 by attending the Directors LAB West (DLW), an annual program developed as a branch of the Director LAB of Lincoln Center. DLW has invited him to serve as a guest speaker at the 2006 and 2008 annual LAB in Pasadena, CA.

At present, he is the founder and Producing Artistic Director of the COACHELLA VALLEY REPERTORY (CV REP), a non-profit educational, dramatic and musical theatre organization. CVREP's primary goal is to present innovative, first-rate professional theatrical productions and special events for the enrichment and education of the region's residents and visitors.