

Colin Harbinson

Dr. Colin D. W. Harbinson

A Brief Biography

Dr. Colin Harbinson has been involved in many varied aspects of the arts for over 30 years. He received his Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Sussex, England. He is an Associate of the Drama Board of Great Britain, and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree, in recognition of his work in the arts.

Dr. Harbinson created the internationally acclaimed production *Toymaker & Son (The Masterpiece)*, which has been performed in over 60 countries. This theatrical work has been seen live by multiplied millions and has been broadcast on national television in many countries. *Dayuma*, another of his internationally performed productions, completed a successful twenty-one city theatre tour of the United States in the mid '90's.

Dr. Harbinson is recognized internationally as a pioneer and leader in his field. As a writer, director, and producer, his work has won numerous industry awards, including the prestigious Golden Halo Award, presented by the Southern California Motion Picture Industry.

Dr. Harbinson is also the Founder and President of the International Festival of the Arts (IFA), a nonprofit organization based in Canada and the United States. He pioneered Sacred Fire, the first East-West Arts Festival, in St. Petersburg (Russia) and organized the Love Without Borders Arts Festival in Sofia (Bulgaria). His most recent Ode To Joy festival in Kunming (China) involved more than 700 artists from 21 countries and was the largest international arts festival of its kind in the history of that nation.

Dr. Harbinson is President of Lamp Arts and Media Productions and is on the Board and Advisory Board of many national and international arts organizations. He is a sought after teacher and conference speaker. Dr. Colin Harbinson was born in London, England, and is now also a Canadian citizen. He is currently Dean of the Arts at Belhaven College and resides in Mississippi with his wife Maureen.