

## Robin Acker Bush

Robin Acker Bush, President of VOICES OF THE EARTH is an award-winning nature photographer and environmental documentary film producer and director. She is the visionary that drives the company to reach beyond what has been done in the past to what is achievable today. She is a leader in the field of environmentally responsible image reproduction technologies. Her career has been dedicated to using art as a lens through which to focus public attention on the preservation of our environment and inspire stewardship.

Robin's marine photography expeditions have taken her to the Solomon Islands, Palau, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac, Little Cayman, Cozumel, Bonaire, Curacao, Southeast Alaska, Northern and Southern California, and Hawaii.

At Voices of the Earth Robin is responsible for overseeing product research and development, business development, photography and image management as well as the company's community participation efforts. She is personally involved in each project.

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Robin has been a guest instructor aboard the Brook's School of Photography Marine studies ship, where she presented an intensive seminar in underwater photography and video production.

Robin taught marine biology at the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco. She also taught scuba diving and underwater photography to hundreds of students in northern California and has been a guest speaker at the Underwater Photographic Society in Monterey, CA.

Robin has extensive credentials as an environmental documentary video producer as well. Her production on the economic benefits of environmental sustainability has been studied in major universities world-wide. Robin was the Director of Audio and Video Production for The Nature Company and produced their #1 selling product of all time, "Water Gift of Life" which received national acclaim and eight major international awards. While there she was also Executive Producer of Arctic Summer a audio portrait of northern Alaska. During Robin's career she has produced for Public Television, On-TV, MTV and USA networks, and corporate clients including Citicorp, Adobe Software, First Nationwide Bank, The Western Association of Visual Merchandisers and Windham Hill Records.

Robin has also been a Media Producer/Business Advisor for a San Francisco multi-media production firm and a Multi-national Event Coordinator and Corporate Event Producer, supervising logistics, staff, and media installation for live stage events.

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Robin holds a BA degree in Environmental Documentary Film Production from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. She holds additional degrees from Franklin College in Lugano Switzerland and from the University of Salzburg, Austria. Robin received the honor, by Condé Nast publications, to mentor under their late great art director Alex Lieberman who skillfully trained her graphic eye and photographic editing skills. She has also done post-graduate studies in still photography at the original Nikon School of Photography in New York City. Robin did extensive additional training under some of San Francisco's best business management minds in Organizational Development, Financial Operations, Human Resources Management, Market Research, Marketing, Branding, Public Affairs and Public Relations, and Strategic Business Development.

## **BOOKS**

Robin's book, "Watercolors" is in production and will be published in 2011. Her book, "Voices of the Earth" was published in 2009.

## **AWARDS**

CINE Golden Eagle  
New York Festival: Gold Medal in Nature/Wildlife  
US Industrial Film Festival: Golden Camera Award in Nature/Wildlife  
Houston International Film Festival: Golden Award in Nature/Wildlife Festival  
International du Film Maritime et d'Exploration Toulon, France: Special Jury Prize  
Telly Award: First Place  
Sacramento Film Festival: First Place  
SADIE: Gold Medal Musical Score  
Sea Film Festival: Bronze Medal of Honor  
Sea Space Houston International: Bronze Medal of Honor  
Rodale Press Scuba Diving Magazine National Competition: Silver Medal of Honor

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ADVISORY BOARDS**

Advisory Board Member: UN Conference on Environment and Development  
Advisory Board Member: National Association of Environmental Business Communicators  
Environmental Media Association  
Northern California Special Interest Video Association  
Underwater Photographic Society  
Pacific Coast Society of Marine Explorers  
Diver's Alert Network - Sponsoring Instructor  
Film Arts Foundation  
Northern California Women in Film and Television  
Bay Area Film and Tape Council