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Susan Froemke has more than twenty-seven nonfiction films to her credit, including the 1976 classic *Grey Gardens* and the 2001 Academy Award-nominated *Lalee's Kin*, an HBO film that was also honored at the Sundance Film Festival. A four-time Emmy Award winner, Froemke won a 2001 Grammy for her work as director and producer of *Recording the Producers: A Musical Romp with Mel Brooks*. Before starting her own company in 2003, Froemke was the principal filmmaker at Maysles Films, Inc.

Susan Cheever is the bestselling author of twelve books, including five novels, the memoirs *Note Found in a Bottle* and *Home Before Dark*, *My Name is Bill*, a biography of Bill Wilson, the co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, and most recently, *American Bloomsbury*. She is a director of the Corporation of Yaddo, a member of the Authors Guild Council, and teaches in the Bennington College MFA program and at the New School.

Sheila Nevins, president of HBO Documentary Films, is responsible for overseeing the development and production of all documentaries and family programming for HBO, Cinemax, and their multiplex channels. During her tenure at HBO, she has received seventeen Primetime Emmy Awards, twenty-four News and Documentary Emmys, and twenty-five Peabody Awards. Nevins has also been honored with a Personal Peabody in 2001 and an Emmy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005 for her contributions to the art of the documentary.

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