LOU WAKEFIELD - Writer and Director

Ladies of Letters for ITV3 – the first series was the first original commission for the channel. Ten half hours produced by Tiger Aspect. Co-written with Carole Hayman. Stars Maureen Lipman and Anne Reid. Second series TX 2010. Both repeated on ITV1.

Ladies of Letters Go Crackers – eleventh radio series for Woman's Hour TX Christmas 2010. Starring Anne Reid and Prunella Scales.

The original **Ladies of Letters** was republished by Carlton Books in 2009.

NOVELS:

HOT TO TROT – latest novel for Hodder.

SLEEPING PARTNERS – novel for Hodder.

RURAL BLISS - second novel published by Hodder Headline

TUSCAN SOUP: first novel. Hodder publish in paperback April 2002 under the Coronet imprint. "Simply delicious...truly laugh-out-loud romp" & "An absolute charmer, genuinely funny. A bunch of guests in a beautiful Tuscan palazzo intermingle and behave very badly" - The Bookseller Jan 2002.

TV DIRECTING :

LONDON BRIDGE: directed four episodes of Carlton series. Producer: Jonathan Curling.

CORONATION STREET: directed 12 episodes for Granada TV. Producer: Brian Parks

BROOKSIDE: directed 9 episodes for Mersey TV/ C4. Producer: Mal Young

DESMONDS: directed six episodes for Channel 4/ Humphrey Barclay Productions.

NEVER SAY DIE directed first series for Channel 4/Humphrey Barclay Productions. 6 x 30'.

REVOLTING WOMEN BBC NW, networked. 5 x 30' series (film, studio VT) performed in front of audience. Producer Lyn Webster.

SOMEWHERE MORE CENTRAL by Beryl Bainbridge. Producer Mike Healey for **A SENSE OF PLACE**. Single camera.

TUEBROOK TANZI BBC North West. Half hour film in series **A SENSE OF PLACE**. Producer Mike Healey.

WRITING:

PRODUCED CREDITS:

LADIES OF LETTERS - Co written with Carole Hayman ten series of the **radio comedy**

for Radio 4 Woman's Hour Daily Serial. Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales star.

BOOKS of series: Ladies of Letters...And More - published by Granada/ Deutsch Books, Ladies of Letters.com - pub. Little, Brown, Ladies of Letters Log On - pub. Little, Brown

AUDIO CASSETTES available from BBC Radio Collection: Ladies of Letters...And More, Ladies of Letters.com, Ladies of Letters Log On, Ladies of Letters Make Mincemeat.

- **NEWSPAPER COLUMN** - Column in The Express July-August 2000.

- **STAGE PLAY** - West Yorkshire Playhouse/ Jude Kelly commissioned stage play. Delivered frst draft.

FIRM FRIENDS: wrote two series of four part serial for Zenith/Tyne Tees. Cast included Madhur Jaffrey, Michelle Holmes and Billie Whitelaw. First series directed by David Hayman and transmitted summer 92. Second series directed by Sarah Harding, transmitted July 94. **Awarded *Royal Television Society Award*.**

NEVER SAY DIE: wrote six part series. Cast included Arthur English, Irene Handl and Zohra Segal. Produced by Humphrey Barclay. Second series commissioned by C4 in '98 but not produced.

EMMERDALE: wrote 90 minute Video special. YTV/ Keith Richardson/ Mervyn Watson.

WESTBEACH: wrote episode for Alomo.

COMMISSIONED SCRIPTS:

NOT CRICKET: first episode of series commissioned by BBC.

PRIVATE EYES: adapted 'Poison for Teacher' by Nancy Spain.

HAPPY EVER AFTER: format optioned to Susi Hush at Playfair Productions in 1990. Anglia commissioned and accepted a pilot script.

BATTLEAXES: 50' play co-written with Judith Low. Commissioned by BBC Pebble Mill.

THEATRE DIRECTING:

KNIGHTLEY'S STATE by Fay Weldon at Royal Court.

HOSPITAL by Tony Newton, Royal Court Theatre Upstairs.

Directed Joint Stock workshop with Fay Weldon.

Devised, co-wrote and directed **TIME PIECES** with the Women's Theatre Group. Performed at the Oval House and national tour. Published by Methuen, **PLAYS FOR WOMEN** Vol 3.

Produced and directed **WOMEN LIVE AND LAUGHING**, benefit revue at the Royal Court. Artists included Maggie Steed, Julie Covington, Miriam Karling, Anna Carteret.

MA'S FLESH IS GRASS by Sarah Daniels at Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.

Assistant director to Chris Bond at Everyman Theatre, Liverpool. Commissioned and directed **TUEBROOK TANZI**, later to become **TRAFFORD TANZI**.

Lou Wakefield is also an actress, starring in BBC's 'Inside Out' and YTV's 'The Refuge', and appearing in countless theatre plays, including the original 'Top Girls' at the Royal Court and New York Public Theatre.

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