

BEHIND THE MOUSE ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER



Karen Barnes, Senior Vice President, Development & Production, HIT Entertainment and Executive Producer, *Angelina Ballerina™ The Next Steps*, brings more than 20 years of television production and broadcast experience to HIT. In her role, Ms. Barnes also oversees the development and production of the *Barney & Friends™* television series and Home Entertainment releases. In addition, Ms. Barnes is the Executive Producer for the all new *Angelina Ballerina The Next Steps*, which follows an 8-year-old Angelina as she embarks on the next stage in her life at a new school where she experiences new forms of music and dance.

Most recently, Ms. Barnes served as a production consultant for Sesame Workshop, Hallmark Channel and ToddWorld. Prior to that, she held several positions at FOX, including Executive Vice President, 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment and Executive Vice President, Development and Programming at FOX Kids. Ms. Barnes started her career at The Jim Henson Company, where she was head of production and development for North America.

She has received numerous awards and recognition for creative achievement, including a George Foster Peabody Award and two National Education Association Awards. Before venturing into the creative arena, Ms. Barnes was a business affairs attorney. She is also a certified mediator.

Ms. Barnes received her BA from Marymount Manhattan College and JD from Fordham Law School.

