



**HIT entertainment**

**Karen Barnes**  
**Executive Vice President, Production & Development**  
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Karen Barnes, Executive Vice President, Production & Development, brings more than 21 years of television production and broadcast experience to HIT Entertainment. Ms. Barnes is responsible for the existing slate of HIT's classic pre-school entertainment including *Angelina Ballerina™*, *Barney™*, *Bob the Builder™*, *Fireman Sam™*, *Thomas & Friends™* and *Mike the Knight™*, as well as building new brands through content development and acquisitions. Ms. Barnes also has responsibility for managing the creative and technical production teams worldwide.

In addition, Ms Barnes acts as Executive Producer for *Thomas and Friends*, *Angelina Ballerina The Next Steps*, and *Barney & Friends*.

Prior to coming to HIT, she was self employed for 6 years where she served as a production consultant for Sesame Workshop, Hallmark Channel and *ToddWorld*. Prior to that, Ms. Barnes held several positions at FOX, including 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.

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