



**Amy B. Amdur**  
**President and Founder of Amdur Productions, Inc.**  
*“In times of peace, in times of strife, artists make art.”*

Amy B. Amdur is president and founder of Amdur Productions, Inc. Founded in 1984 Amdur Productions, Inc. is a nationally acclaimed arts festival production company that organizes and directs a selection of the Chicago area’s most prestigious and successful juried summer art fairs including, Arlington Height’s Promenade of Art, Wheaton’s Cantigny Fine Art Festival, Glencoe Festival of the Masters, Chicago Eastside Millennium Art Festival, Lincolnshire Art Festival, Buffalo Grove Invitational Fine Art Festival, North Shore Festival of Art, Glenview’s Art at the Glen Town Center, Chicago’s Gold Coast Art Fair, Highland Park’s Port Clinton Art Festival and Joliet’s Last Call Art Festival. This year, Amdur adds a new festival to the impressive roster with Highwood’s Last Call Art Fair, featuring affordable artwork from masters in the field. All of Amdur’s festivals have been rated in *Sunshine Artist Magazine’s* top 100 with half in the top 50. The Art at the Glen Town Center and Port Clinton Art Festival are both in the top 10.

An art lover at an early age, Amdur participated in her first art festival when she was just five years old. Her passion for art took her to the Chicago School of the Art Institute after graduating from Northwestern University. She has also completed courses at the Kellogg School of Management.

Her vision was realized 26 years ago when she was working with her father, Steven L. Amdur, on the construction of Port Clinton Square in downtown Highland Park. The plans were set, but one question remained; how would they get people to come to the outdoor shopping center. The answer was the Port Clinton Art Festival, which Amdur organized and produced. From that Amdur Productions was born. Today they produce some of the most acclaimed and highly attended art festivals in the country.

Amdur is a much sought after speaker and noted art consultant. To help artists maximize sales, she began Art Festival Boot Camp, a one-day seminar that teaches artists how to price their work and how to attract customers to their booth. This year Amdur was honored by the city of Highland Park for her longtime involvement in the arts in the community. She was awarded with the Mayor's Award for outstanding Achievement in the Arts. In 2007 Amdur was honored with Apple Tree Theatre’s Bravo Award, which recognizes individuals who enable the arts to flourish in an increasingly challenging environment.

Born and raised in Highland Park, Amdur’s home is filled with art. The walls are covered with brightly colored painting, captivating photography and exquisite mixed media. Neon lime and orange toast pops out of an art deco toaster on a kitchen counter and a seven-foot-tall neon rod sculpture resides in the hallway.

A supporter of many charities, Amdur sits on the Women’s Board of the Gastro-Intestinal Research Foundation at the University of Chicago Hospitals. She also founded The Associates Board for that organization and served as its president in the early years. Amdur resides in Highland Park with her daughter Hannah and son Sam.