

## ROBIN LERNER

Grammy nominated, Country Music Award winner, and critically acclaimed lyricist Robin Lerner creates songs for film, theater, and recording artists worldwide.

A graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts Lerner began her career working as a screenwriter in Hollywood as well as a songwriter in many formats.

Under the auspices of producers Steven Spielberg and Cameron Mackintosh, Lerner created animated musical features for Disney, Amblin' and Warner Brothers, working with composers, Galt MacDermot ("Hair"), Frank Wildhorn ("Jekyll and Hyde"), and George Stiles ("Mary Poppins").

As her songs found success in the pop world Lerner signed with Maverick Music and started traveling back and forth to Nashville.

Over the past 15 years, Lerner's songs have been recorded by great country artists such as Randy Travis ("Out Of My Bones #1), Tim Mcgraw ("She's My Kind Of Rain" #1) and Faith Hill ("This Kiss #1). In 1999 "This Kiss" was awarded single of the Year at the Academy of Country Music Awards, and was named ASCAP Song Of The Year. "This Kiss" was also nominated for a Grammy and went on to win Song Of The Year at the 2000 Country Music Awards.

Her songs have also been recorded and performed by multiplatinum artists worldwide including Chaka Khan, Patti LaBelle, Sheena Easton, Jermaine Jackson, Luther Vandross, The Backstreet Boys, Martina McBride, Carly Simon, Stanfour, Nick Lachey, Girls Generation, Big and Rich, and Bette Midler, and have sold in excess of 30 million units.

BMI has twice awarded "This Kiss" the prestigious Millionaire Award (for 5,000,000 radio spins) which means one would have to play the song back to back for 28 years straight to accomplish this.

Tim McGraw paid her the ultimate compliment when he said of "She's My Kind of Rain" , "Lyrically, it's one of the best songs that I've ever recorded. It's such a great ode to a lover, and it's written in such an unconventional way". Faith Hill in turn said of "This Kiss", "It changed my life. It's amazing that a song can do that. It's the true power of music. It was one of those rare songs that comes along in a career"...

Lerner has written three musicals for the stage, *Excalibur*, with composer Frank Wildhorn, which just enjoyed its world premiere in St. Gallen Switzerland in March 2014, *An Officer and a Gentleman* with composer Ken Hirsch which premiered in Sydney Australia in May of 2012, and *Tears of Heaven* with composer Frank Wildhorn, which premiered in Seoul in February 2011.

She has also written the screenplay for ABC/ Wonderful World of Disney's "Princess of Thieves" (which aired in 2001) starring Keira Knightley and Malcom McDowell , about the imaginary exploits of Robin Hood's daughter.

Lerner is at present writing a new musical with Frank Wildhorn based on the life of Bernadette Soubirous, the peasant girl who witnessed the apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes, which led to the discovery of the healing waters that grace the grotto of Massabielle to this day. She is also, with Ken Hirsch and Douglas Day Stewart readying "An Officer and A Gentleman" for its Broadway debut.