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Photos of Fielding West during interview by Sandy Zimmerman, others by the Academy Awards and publicity

Known as an award-winning magician/comedian for 27 years, Fielding West explained, “I am semi-retired and only available for corporate and charity events and am not working 5-6 nights a week. Call me an old grand-father.”

Which film did he think would win the Oscars?

“I like two movies this year, “VICE,” the man who played our former Vice President, Dick Cheney, was phenomenal. I’m sure he is going to receive some recognition for he is already got a Golden Globe Award for his part.

My favorite movie this year, Bradley Cooper, outing as director, songwriter with Lady Gaga for “A Star is born.” The chemistry of those two was amazing, and the fact that Bradley Cooper actually wrote these songs!

Fielding West didn’t see the original but said, “I was old enough to see the second version starring Barbara Streisand in the ’70s.”

Fielding's network television appearances include A&E’s An Evening At The Improv, Carolina’s Comedy Hour, NBC’s World’s Greatest Magic, TNT’s The Statler Brothers Show, John Byner’s Comedy On The Road and NBC’s World's Wildest Magician hosted by Penn and Teller. Because of his tremendous likeness to Tom Arnold, Roseanne Barr brought Fielding to the Jackie Thomas Show where he had a role on the ABC series.

As a comedy star he has opened for such great people as Liza Minnelli, Brenda Lee, Charro, The Marshall Tucker Band, aside at The Wheel, The Platters, The Temptations, The Statler Brothers, McTillic & Gary Campbell and June Pricket.

“My choice to become a successful comedy magician says Fielding “I wanted to do the funniest comedy magic I could possibly imagine.” The rest is history.

Fielding became involved with Variety- the Children's Charity of Northern Nevada about 23 years ago when his friend master magician Lance Burton asked him to do a show for one of the Variety schools and he has been doing it ever since. About two years ago, Fielding was named one of the Variety’s Board of Directors and the next year made Vice President- Variety- The Children’s Charity Of Southern Nevada.

An important aspect of the Academy Awards is the events responsible for raising money for Variety: the Children’s Charity of Southern Nevada. They have been in Las Vegas for over 60 years helping children with special needs. Las Vegas Variety was first started by most of the casino owners in the 1930's who built three schools.

For information about Variety- The Children’s Charity events during the year, or volunteering, contact Variety of Southern Nevada, P.O. Box X78071, Las Vegas, NV 89178. Call: 702-961-5348. Also visit their website: http://www.varietysn.org/.

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