



JEOPARDY!

Show Description

JEOPARDY!, America’s Favorite Quiz Show®, and its host, Alex Trebek, began their 34th season in syndication on September 11, 2017. With 23 million viewers each week, **JEOPARDY!** is the top-rated quiz show on television, and has won many awards and distinctions over the course of its 30+ years on the air, including the 2017 Emmy for Outstanding Game Show. The show holds a Guinness World Records® record for the most Emmy® Awards won by a TV game show (34 Emmys). In 2014, **JEOPARDY!** won the inaugural Writers Guild of America award for Outstanding Writing for a Quiz and Audience Participation Show; it is also the recipient of a 2011 Peabody Award. **JEOPARDY!** is produced by Sony Pictures Television, a Sony Pictures Entertainment Company; it is distributed domestically by CBS Television Distribution and internationally by CBS Television International, both units of CBS Corp.

Created by Merv Griffin in 1964, **JEOPARDY!** is a daily half-hour quiz show with a unique answer-and-question format. Johnny Gilbert serves as announcer, and Harry Friedman is executive producer.

Format

JEOPARDY! provides a test of knowledge across a variety of interesting subjects such as literature, history, science, the arts, and pop culture. Each game consists of three rounds:

- **Single Jeopardy!:** Includes six categories, each with a column of five clues. The “clues” are sorted by varying degrees of difficulty and are matched by increasing dollar values. Three competing contestants are given a “clue” in the form of an *answer* displayed on the show’s game board. Players use a hand-held signaling device and must be the first contestant to ring in and successfully give a response in the form of a *question*.

One “Daily Double” (a special clue hidden behind another clue) is available during this round. Only the contestant who uncovers the “Daily Double” can



TOP WINNERS
Through Season 33 (Air Date 7/28/17)

These numbers reflect winnings from regular, non-tournament games.

Top 25 (by number of wins)

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	Buzzy Cohen	32	\$164,603	9
	Tom Nissley	27	\$235,405	8
	Ben Ingram	29	\$176,534	8
	Tom Kavanaugh	22	\$142,602	8
	Drew Horwood	29	\$138,100	8
	Joon Pahk	28	\$199,000	7
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A member of the *Broadcasting & Cable* Hall of Fame, Trebek and **JEOPARDY!** received the Peabody Award for "encouraging, celebrating and rewarding knowledge." He is one of the few celebrities to have been honored with a coveted star on both the Hollywood Walk of Fame and the Canadian Walk of Fame. In 2017, it was announced that Alex would receive the Order of Canada.

Born in Sudbury, Ontario, Trebek attended the University of Ottawa, where he earned a degree in philosophy. After university, Trebek worked for the CBC, covering national news and special events for radio and television. He made his American television debut in 1973 as the host of NBC's game show "Wizard of Odds," and after several other hosting roles, he became the host of **JEOPARDY!**

Trebek has maintained strong ties to the University of Ottawa: he has created scholarships, sponsored a Lecture Series, and supported the construction of Alumni Hall, which, in May 2015, was named in his honor. He was conferred an Honorary Doctorate and he received the Meritas Tabaret Award for Alumni Achievement, the top award bestowed on University of Ottawa alumni. He is a long-time supporter of World Vision and has travelled to many third-world countries on behalf of that organization.

Trebek lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Jean. They have two adult children: Emily, a real estate developer in Los Angeles, and Matthew, the owner of OSO, a Mexican restaurant in Harlem.



KELLY MIYAHARA
Clue Crew

Kelly Miyahara is celebrating her 13th season with **JEOPARDY!**, and says that being a member of the Clue Crew is her dream job.

Kelly has traveled the world with Alex Trebek, and had the honor of participating in his two most recent USO tours to Japan and Europe. Growing up, her mom's favorite TV show was **JEOPARDY!**, but she never dreamed that one day she'd join Alex to be a part of it.

A “regular day’s work” for Kelly might involve carefully climbing onto the hood of a South African safari vehicle to film with a pride of lions, speaking from behind the United Nations General Assembly podium, or “flying a hull” with America’s Cup Champions Team Oracle USA, and she finds all of it exhilarating.

After graduating from the School of Business at the University of Washington, Kelly sought adventure overseas. She’s backpacked on a budget, worked as an English teacher, a French waitress, and an au pair, while discovering her love for world culture, language and travel.

Aside from **JEOPARDY!**, Kelly is an IRONMAN triathlete who loves sweating out a new physical challenge as much as she enjoys beach bumming somewhere tropical. Kelly is a passionate advocate for charitable causes, a family girl who loves spending time with loved ones and considers “food” one of her favorite hobbies.

Kelly married her husband, Nestor, last season (Season 33) and is thrilled to start this season as a proud new mother to their son, Theo.

To learn more about Kelly, please visit <https://www.jeopardy.com/about/clue-crew/kelly-miyahara>, and follow the Clue Crew on **JEOPARDY!**'s [Instagram](#).



SARAH WHITCOMB FOSS *Clue Crew*

Sarah Whitcomb Foss began exploring exciting clue locations in 2001 as an original member of the **JEOPARDY!** Clue Crew. Since then, her **JEOPARDY!** travels have taken her to 35 countries and all seven continents.

As a former news anchor and reporter, Sarah is always eager to put her journalism skills to use, seeking out intriguing locations for the Clue Crew to visit. She has proven over the years that she is willing to journey to the ends of the earth for her job: Sarah has flown over Hawaii's erupting Kilauea volcano, been catapulted off a Navy aircraft carrier in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, gone scuba diving with sharks, ridden aboard the famous Orient Express, hiked through ancient Moai statues on Easter Island and has snowboarded, skydived and parasailed—all in the name of the Clue Crew.

Two of her favorite trips with the Clue Crew were to the Arctic and Antarctica, where she recorded clues about global warming and its impact on wildlife in the polar regions. Determined not to miss out on a once-in-a-lifetime experience, Sarah decided to jump (quickly) into the water at both locations, making her one of a small group of people to have done polar plunges at both the North and South Poles.

Sarah loves hearing from fans about which clues have been their favorite, and loves finding out that a clue from a specific destination made someone decide to travel there.

When she's not busy exploring the globe for **JEOPARDY!**, Sarah enjoys traveling with her family. Her daughter, Taylor, who just turned four, has already visited 10 states and flown on more than 90 different airplanes. Sarah and her husband, Chris, also love cheering on their college alma mater, the University of Southern California.

To learn more about Sarah, please visit <https://www.jopardy.com/about/clue-crew/sarah-whitcomb-foss>, and follow the Clue Crew on JEOPARDY!'s [Instagram](#).



JIMMY McGUIRE

Clue Crew

Jimmy McGuire is proud to be an original member of the **JEOPARDY!** Clue Crew, and Season 34 marks his 17th season with the show. His natural enthusiasm and innate curiosity are evident when he's on camera, delivering clues from some of the world's most fascinating destinations.

Jimmy is a Pittsburgh native, who, prior to joining the Clue Crew, worked as a segment producer and reporter for a local television newsmagazine after graduating from Ohio University. He is a huge football fan, so one can imagine his excitement when he got the chance to throw passes with his favorite team— the Steelers— for a **JEOPARDY!** category, an experience he counts among the highlights of his time with the show.

The Clue Crew has shot clues in 325 cities worldwide, 50 states, 46 countries and on all seven continents. Jimmy counts Rome, Tokyo, Dublin, Paris, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Rio de Janeiro among his favorite international locations. In April 2017, he had the “trip of a lifetime” circumnavigating the Baltic Sea aboard the National Geographic Orion with Lindblad Expeditions, a 14-day adventure of 1,700 nautical miles that took him to eight countries to record clues for Season 34.

In the U.S., his travel has spanned the country from Hawaii to Martha's Vineyard, and everywhere in between. One of his favorite moments from recent seasons was recoding clues at Daytona International Speedway the week before the famous Daytona 500. With that addition, he has now recorded clues at some of the most famous racetracks in the world, including the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, site of the Indy 500, and Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby.

When not filming clues for **JEOPARDY!**, Jimmy enjoys life with his wife, Kim, and “bonus” daughter Madison, as well as playing golf, CrossFit exercise and taking drum lessons.

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HARRY FRIEDMAN
Executive Producer

Overview

Harry Friedman is not only the executive producer of two of America's most enduringly popular game shows, **Wheel of Fortune** and **JEOPARDY!**, he is also an Emmy® Award winner, a Peabody Award winner, a three-time Guinness World Record® Holder and has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS).

Friedman's work on **Wheel of Fortune** and **JEOPARDY!** is marked by his ability to maintain the traditions of both long-running shows while tweaking each just enough to keep them current and on the cutting edge. He has earned a record 15 Emmy® Awards, and in 2017 he was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from NATAS. He holds three Guinness World Records®: for *most game show episodes produced* with 11,690 (as of July 31, 2017), *most Emmy® Award nominations for a game show producer* with 43 and *most Emmy® Award wins by a game show producer*. In 2011, **Wheel of Fortune** and **JEOPARDY!** tied for the Outstanding Game Show award, and Friedman became the first producer ever to win two Emmys in the same category in a tie with himself.

In 2007, Friedman was honored by the National Association of Television Program Executives with the prestigious Brandon Tartikoff Legacy Award. Later that year, he was inducted into the *Broadcasting & Cable* Hall of Fame.

A 2012 *Daily Variety* Daytime TV Impact Honoree, Friedman is known for staying ahead of the curve by creating innovative game elements and incorporating the latest technology into both shows. In September 2006, **JEOPARDY!** and **Wheel of Fortune** made television history when they became the first syndicated programs to broadcast in High Definition. Friedman has also championed the development of **Wheel of Fortune** and **JEOPARDY!** mobile games, as well as versions for Facebook, the Nintendo Wii, PlayStation, and Amazon Echo.

A member of the Writers Guild of America-West and the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Friedman lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Judy.

Together, they are champions of philanthropy. The pair supports Omaha's Children's Hospital and Medical Center, the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation, and multiple scholarship funds for deserving college students. Friedman is also a co-founder and board member of the Marlene F. Landy Cancer Foundation. The foundation provides support to cancer patients while undergoing treatment. To date, more than 400 families have received assistance.

Additionally, the Friedmans have established The Harry and Judy Friedman Family Foundation, a private foundation supports programs that aim to assist children by reducing hunger and increasing educational opportunities. The foundation also supports veterans of the U.S. Armed Services and programs dedicated to the rescue and humane treatment of animals.

Career

A native of Omaha, Neb., Friedman developed an early fascination with television programming and personalities, including a young local celebrity named Johnny Carson. Long before the concept of student internships was created, Friedman began hanging around Omaha's first television stations, learning by watching and doing whatever management permitted.

While attending the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Friedman worked as a reporter and feature writer for the Lincoln *Star* newspaper.

In 1971, Friedman arrived in Los Angeles and, without contacts, gave himself six months to find a job in the business. With less than 24 hours remaining on his self-imposed deadline, he talked his way into a part-time question-writer spot on "Hollywood Squares," marking the beginning of his long, valued relationship with Heatter-Quigley Productions. Over the next 11 years, Friedman wrote and produced thousands of episodes of the popular series and was also actively involved in the development of several other game shows, including "Gambit" and "High Rollers." He first joined **Wheel of Fortune** as a producer in 1995, and added producer duties for **JEOPARDY!** in 1997.

In 1998, he helped launch **Rock & Roll JEOPARDY!**, which aired on VH1. Friedman's other writing and producing credits range from network primetime specials, such as "American Yearbook" for CBS, to documentaries and home video. He also has worked with FOX, Dick Clark Productions, Stephen J. Cannell Productions, Buena Vista Television/ABC, Orion Television, The Playboy Channel, Laurel Entertainment, Vin Di Bona Productions, A&E Network, Krofft Productions, Rosner Television, and Four Star Productions.

JEOPARDY!

Under Friedman's direction, **JEOPARDY!**, America's Favorite Quiz Show®, has become the most honored syndicated game show in television history. In 2011, Friedman guided **JEOPARDY!** to win its first-ever Peabody Award, and the awards panel credited the show for its role in "encouraging, celebrating and rewarding knowledge." **JEOPARDY!** has won a total of 34 Emmy Awards, including the 2017 Emmy for Outstanding Game Show.

Friedman has continued to broaden the show's scope with an expanded list of challenging categories and clues that reflect popular culture as well as a variety of special tournaments. In 2003, he lifted **JEOPARDY!**'s five-game limit rule for contestants, allowing returning champions to continue amassing winnings as long as they remain victorious. This rule change led the way for the memorable 74-consecutive-day run of Utah software engineer Ken Jennings, during which he won a record \$2.5 million. Series viewership increased an impressive 30 percent during the streak, at times outperforming primetime programs while making it one of the most talked-about shows in the country.

In 2011, Friedman oversaw "**JEOPARDY!** The IBM Challenge," a historic exhibition that pitted two of the show's most successful and celebrated contestants – Jennings and Brad Rutter – against an IBM computer named Watson. Thanks to this unique partnership, **JEOPARDY!** served as a vital testing ground for the next generation of artificial intelligence. The three-episode special scored the series' highest ratings in five years, making Watson a pop culture icon and a part of the cultural fabric of America.

Friedman was instrumental in the creation of the **JEOPARDY!** Clue Crew, a team of roving correspondents who travel the world to tape video clues, creating an opportunity for viewers at home to glimpse some of the world's most unique and special locations. Additionally, Friedman plays a very active role in **JEOPARDY!**'s digital and social

media presence, creating innovative content for Facebook, Twitter, Jeopardy.com, and more.

Friedman also was the driving force behind streaming network Crackle's weekly quiz show **Sports Jeopardy!**, which launched in 2014, and for which he served as executive producer.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE

At **Wheel of Fortune**, Friedman has kept the show fresh and exciting while offering contestants more chances to win. Beginning in Season 35, for the first time ever, winning contestants going to the "Bonus Round" will be given the opportunity to choose the category of their bonus puzzle. At home, Wheel Watchers Club members will have the chance to win \$10,000 if a contestant wins \$10,000 during the Mystery Round.

Other new elements Friedman has implemented through the years include: The "Express Wedge," "1/2 Car Tag," "Free Play," "Toss-Up" puzzles, brand integration opportunities, the "Mystery Round," the "Wild Card" and the "Million Dollar Bonus Wedge." He also oversaw the introduction of a new, highly sophisticated set, which incorporates state-of-the-art lighting, as well as a modernized puzzleboard with LCD screens and the ability for letters to appear with only a touch of Vanna White's hand.

Friedman doesn't forget the viewers at home. He is responsible for giving fans more ways to play, interact with the show and win. Friedman oversaw the development and launch of games for various mobile devices and game consoles. Also, he has implemented extensions of **Wheel of Fortune** on social media. Twitter followers can participate in a daily "Twitter Toss-Up," where the **Wheel of Fortune** Twitter account posts two partially solved puzzles per day and the Twitter community competes to see who will solve the puzzles first. Facebook fans are invited to participate in various Facebook Live events where they can vote on Vanna's dresses, compete against one another to guess toss up puzzles or even test their skills against former contestants. Fans that want a peek behind-the-scenes at **Wheel of Fortune** should follow the show on Instagram, where they can find the best selection of photos and moments from the set. Other peeks into production can be found on Snapchat.

WheelofFortune.com is accessible via mobile and desktop giving viewers a destination to engage with the show. The site allows viewers to play the "Toss-Up Challenge" and

Wheel of Fortune Bingo, enter to win luxury vacations or prizes from show partners, learn more about Vanna White, and join the Wheel Watchers Club.

The Wheel Watchers Club, the first-ever, long-term, online viewer engagement program in television history, and its extension, the SPIN ID, were both developed by Friedman. To date, nearly 12 million people have signed up.

Additionally, Friedman conceptualized the *Wheelmobile*, a mobile tour conducting contestant search events across the country providing fans the chance to audition for the show.

respond to the clue, and before that clue is read, the contestant must declare a wager. The minimum wager is \$5.

- **Double Jeopardy!:** Similar to the first round, Double Jeopardy! features new categories and “clues” with doubled dollar amounts for each “clue.”

Two “Daily Doubles” are available in the Double Jeopardy! round.

- **Final Jeopardy!:** One category is revealed by host Alex Trebek prior to the commercial break. The contestants write down a wager ranging between zero and up to their cash winnings accumulated at that point during the show. Once the final “clue” is revealed, players have 30 seconds to write a response in the traditional form of a question.

Each daily winner returns to the next day’s program as a defending champion. With no limit on appearances, returning champions may continue amassing winnings on **JEOPARDY!** as long as they remain victorious.

Special Programming

JEOPARDY! offers an array of special competitions throughout the season. Examples include:

- **Tournament of Champions:** The **JEOPARDY!** champions who have won the most games during the prior season, plus the winner of the Teachers Tournament, return to the stage to compete against one another for a \$250,000 grand prize.
- **Teachers Tournament:** Introduced in 2011, the Teachers Tournament puts a national spotlight on the importance and impact of educators with 15 of the nation’s brightest K-12 teachers.
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Alex Trebek has been the host of **JEOPARDY!** since America's Favorite Quiz Show®'s syndicated debut in 1984. He has become one of television's most enduring and iconic figures, engaging millions of viewers worldwide with his impeccable delivery of "answers and questions."

Trebek has won five Daytime Emmy awards for Outstanding Game Show Host as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Trebek holds a Guinness World Records™ record for Most Game Show Episodes Hosted by the Same Presenter; he has hosted more than 7,500 episodes of **JEOPARDY!** (and counting).

A member of the *Broadcasting & Cable* Hall of Fame, Trebek and **JEOPARDY!** received the Peabody Award for "encouraging, celebrating and rewarding knowledge." He is one of the few celebrities to have been honored with a coveted star on both the Hollywood Walk of Fame and the Canadian Walk of Fame. In 2017, it was announced that Alex would receive the Order of Canada.

Born in Sudbury, Ontario, Trebek attended the University of Ottawa, where he earned a degree in philosophy. After university, Trebek worked for the CBC, covering national news and special events for radio and television. He made his American television debut in 1973 as the host of NBC's game show "Wizard of Odds," and after several other hosting roles, he became the host of **JEOPARDY!**

Trebek has maintained strong ties to the University of Ottawa: he has created scholarships, sponsored a Lecture Series, and supported the construction of Alumni Hall, which, in May 2015, was named in his honor. He was conferred an Honorary Doctorate and he received the Meritas Tabaret Award for Alumni Achievement, the top award bestowed on University of Ottawa alumni. He is a long-time supporter of World Vision and has travelled to many third-world countries on behalf of that organization.

Trebek lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Jean. They have two adult children: Emily, a real estate developer in Los Angeles, and Matthew, the owner of OSO, a Mexican restaurant in Harlem.



KELLY MIYAHARA
Clue Crew

Kelly Miyahara is celebrating her 13th season with **JEOPARDY!**, and says that being a member of the Clue Crew is her dream job.

Kelly has traveled the world with Alex Trebek, and had the honor of participating in his two most recent USO tours to Japan and Europe. Growing up, her mom's favorite TV show was **JEOPARDY!**, but she never dreamed that one day she'd join Alex to be a part of it.

A “regular day’s work” for Kelly might involve carefully climbing onto the hood of a South African safari vehicle to film with a pride of lions, speaking from behind the United Nations General Assembly podium, or “flying a hull” with America’s Cup Champions Team Oracle USA, and she finds all of it exhilarating.

After graduating from the School of Business at the University of Washington, Kelly sought adventure overseas. She’s backpacked on a budget, worked as an English teacher, a French waitress, and an au pair, while discovering her love for world culture, language and travel.

Aside from **JEOPARDY!**, Kelly is an IRONMAN triathlete who loves sweating out a new physical challenge as much as she enjoys beach bumming somewhere tropical. Kelly is a passionate advocate for charitable causes, a family girl who loves spending time with loved ones and considers “food” one of her favorite hobbies.

Kelly married her husband, Nestor, last season (Season 33) and is thrilled to start this season as a proud new mother to their son, Theo.

To learn more about Kelly, please visit <https://www.jeopardy.com/about/clue-crew/kelly-miyahara>, and follow the Clue Crew on **JEOPARDY!**'s [Instagram](#).



SARAH WHITCOMB FOSS

Clue Crew

Sarah Whitcomb Foss began exploring exciting clue locations in 2001 as an original member of the **JEOPARDY!** Clue Crew. Since then, her **JEOPARDY!** travels have taken her to 35 countries and all seven continents.

As a former news anchor and reporter, Sarah is always eager to put her journalism skills to use, seeking out intriguing locations for the Clue Crew to visit. She has proven over the years that she is willing to journey to the ends of the earth for her job: Sarah has flown over Hawaii's erupting Kilauea volcano, been catapulted off a Navy aircraft carrier in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, gone scuba diving with sharks, ridden aboard the famous Orient Express, hiked through ancient Moai statues on Easter Island and has snowboarded, skydived and parasailed—all in the name of the Clue Crew.

Two of her favorite trips with the Clue Crew were to the Arctic and Antarctica, where she recorded clues about global warming and its impact on wildlife in the polar regions. Determined not to miss out on a once-in-a-lifetime experience, Sarah decided to jump (quickly) into the water at both locations, making her one of a small group of people to have done polar plunges at both the North and South Poles.

Sarah loves hearing from fans about which clues have been their favorite, and loves finding out that a clue from a specific destination made someone decide to travel there.

When she's not busy exploring the globe for **JEOPARDY!**, Sarah enjoys traveling with her family. Her daughter, Taylor, who just turned four, has already visited 10 states and flown on more than 90 different airplanes. Sarah and her husband, Chris, also love cheering on their college alma mater, the University of Southern California.

To learn more about Sarah, please visit <https://www.jopardy.com/about/clue-crew/sarah-whitcomb-foss>, and follow the Clue Crew on JEOPARDY!'s [Instagram](#).



JIMMY McGUIRE

Clue Crew

Jimmy McGuire is proud to be an original member of the **JEOPARDY!** Clue Crew, and Season 34 marks his 17th season with the show. His natural enthusiasm and innate curiosity are evident when he's on camera, delivering clues from some of the world's most fascinating destinations.

Jimmy is a Pittsburgh native, who, prior to joining the Clue Crew, worked as a segment producer and reporter for a local television newsmagazine after graduating from Ohio University. He is a huge football fan, so one can imagine his excitement when he got the chance to throw passes with his favorite team— the Steelers— for a **JEOPARDY!** category, an experience he counts among the highlights of his time with the show.

The Clue Crew has shot clues in 325 cities worldwide, 50 states, 46 countries and on all seven continents. Jimmy counts Rome, Tokyo, Dublin, Paris, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Rio de Janeiro among his favorite international locations. In April 2017, he had the “trip of a lifetime” circumnavigating the Baltic Sea aboard the National Geographic Orion with Lindblad Expeditions, a 14-day adventure of 1,700 nautical miles that took him to eight countries to record clues for Season 34.

In the U.S., his travel has spanned the country from Hawaii to Martha's Vineyard, and everywhere in between. One of his favorite moments from recent seasons was recoding clues at Daytona International Speedway the week before the famous Daytona 500. With that addition, he has now recorded clues at some of the most famous racetracks in the world, including the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, site of the Indy 500, and Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby.

When not filming clues for **JEOPARDY!**, Jimmy enjoys life with his wife, Kim, and “bonus” daughter Madison, as well as playing golf, CrossFit exercise and taking drum lessons.

To learn more about Jimmy, please visit <https://www.jeopardy.com/about/clue-crew/jimmy-mcguire>, and follow the Clue Crew on **JEOPARDY!**'s [Instagram](#).



HARRY FRIEDMAN
Executive Producer

Overview

Harry Friedman is not only the executive producer of two of America's most enduringly popular game shows, **Wheel of Fortune** and **JEOPARDY!**, he is also an Emmy® Award winner, a Peabody Award winner, a three-time Guinness World Record® Holder and has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS).

Friedman's work on **Wheel of Fortune** and **JEOPARDY!** is marked by his ability to maintain the traditions of both long-running shows while tweaking each just enough to keep them current and on the cutting edge. He has earned a record 15 Emmy® Awards, and in 2017 he was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from NATAS. He holds three Guinness World Records®: for *most game show episodes produced* with 11,690 (as of July 31, 2017), *most Emmy® Award nominations for a game show producer* with 43 and *most Emmy® Award wins by a game show producer*. In 2011, **Wheel of Fortune** and **JEOPARDY!** tied for the Outstanding Game Show award, and Friedman became the first producer ever to win two Emmys in the same category in a tie with himself.

In 2007, Friedman was honored by the National Association of Television Program Executives with the prestigious Brandon Tartikoff Legacy Award. Later that year, he was inducted into the *Broadcasting & Cable* Hall of Fame.

A 2012 *Daily Variety* Daytime TV Impact Honoree, Friedman is known for staying ahead of the curve by creating innovative game elements and incorporating the latest technology into both shows. In September 2006, **JEOPARDY!** and **Wheel of Fortune** made television history when they became the first syndicated programs to broadcast in High Definition. Friedman has also championed the development of **Wheel of Fortune** and **JEOPARDY!** mobile games, as well as versions for Facebook, the Nintendo Wii, PlayStation, and Amazon Echo.

A member of the Writers Guild of America-West and the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Friedman lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Judy.

Together, they are champions of philanthropy. The pair supports Omaha's Children's Hospital and Medical Center, the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation, and multiple scholarship funds for deserving college students. Friedman is also a co-founder and board member of the Marlene F. Landy Cancer Foundation. The foundation provides support to cancer patients while undergoing treatment. To date, more than 400 families have received assistance.

Additionally, the Friedmans have established The Harry and Judy Friedman Family Foundation, a private foundation supports programs that aim to assist children by reducing hunger and increasing educational opportunities. The foundation also supports veterans of the U.S. Armed Services and programs dedicated to the rescue and humane treatment of animals.

Career

A native of Omaha, Neb., Friedman developed an early fascination with television programming and personalities, including a young local celebrity named Johnny Carson. Long before the concept of student internships was created, Friedman began hanging around Omaha's first television stations, learning by watching and doing whatever management permitted.

While attending the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Friedman worked as a reporter and feature writer for the Lincoln *Star* newspaper.

In 1971, Friedman arrived in Los Angeles and, without contacts, gave himself six months to find a job in the business. With less than 24 hours remaining on his self-imposed deadline, he talked his way into a part-time question-writer spot on "Hollywood Squares," marking the beginning of his long, valued relationship with Heatter-Quigley Productions. Over the next 11 years, Friedman wrote and produced thousands of episodes of the popular series and was also actively involved in the development of several other game shows, including "Gambit" and "High Rollers." He first joined **Wheel of Fortune** as a producer in 1995, and added producer duties for **JEOPARDY!** in 1997.

In 1998, he helped launch **Rock & Roll JEOPARDY!**, which aired on VH1. Friedman's other writing and producing credits range from network primetime specials, such as "American Yearbook" for CBS, to documentaries and home video. He also has worked with FOX, Dick Clark Productions, Stephen J. Cannell Productions, Buena Vista Television/ABC, Orion Television, The Playboy Channel, Laurel Entertainment, Vin Di Bona Productions, A&E Network, Krofft Productions, Rosner Television, and Four Star Productions.

JEOPARDY!

Under Friedman's direction, **JEOPARDY!**, America's Favorite Quiz Show®, has become the most honored syndicated game show in television history. In 2011, Friedman guided **JEOPARDY!** to win its first-ever Peabody Award, and the awards panel credited the show for its role in "encouraging, celebrating and rewarding knowledge." **JEOPARDY!** has won a total of 34 Emmy Awards, including the 2017 Emmy for Outstanding Game Show.

Friedman has continued to broaden the show's scope with an expanded list of challenging categories and clues that reflect popular culture as well as a variety of special tournaments. In 2003, he lifted **JEOPARDY!**'s five-game limit rule for contestants, allowing returning champions to continue amassing winnings as long as they remain victorious. This rule change led the way for the memorable 74-consecutive-day run of Utah software engineer Ken Jennings, during which he won a record \$2.5 million. Series viewership increased an impressive 30 percent during the streak, at times outperforming primetime programs while making it one of the most talked-about shows in the country.

In 2011, Friedman oversaw "**JEOPARDY!** The IBM Challenge," a historic exhibition that pitted two of the show's most successful and celebrated contestants – Jennings and Brad Rutter – against an IBM computer named Watson. Thanks to this unique partnership, **JEOPARDY!** served as a vital testing ground for the next generation of artificial intelligence. The three-episode special scored the series' highest ratings in five years, making Watson a pop culture icon and a part of the cultural fabric of America.

Friedman was instrumental in the creation of the **JEOPARDY!** Clue Crew, a team of roving correspondents who travel the world to tape video clues, creating an opportunity for viewers at home to glimpse some of the world's most unique and special locations. Additionally, Friedman plays a very active role in **JEOPARDY!**'s digital and social

media presence, creating innovative content for Facebook, Twitter, Jeopardy.com, and more.

Friedman also was the driving force behind streaming network Crackle's weekly quiz show **Sports Jeopardy!**, which launched in 2014, and for which he served as executive producer.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE

At **Wheel of Fortune**, Friedman has kept the show fresh and exciting while offering contestants more chances to win. Beginning in Season 35, for the first time ever, winning contestants going to the "Bonus Round" will be given the opportunity to choose the category of their bonus puzzle. At home, Wheel Watchers Club members will have the chance to win \$10,000 if a contestant wins \$10,000 during the Mystery Round.

Other new elements Friedman has implemented through the years include: The "Express Wedge," "1/2 Car Tag," "Free Play," "Toss-Up" puzzles, brand integration opportunities, the "Mystery Round," the "Wild Card" and the "Million Dollar Bonus Wedge." He also oversaw the introduction of a new, highly sophisticated set, which incorporates state-of-the-art lighting, as well as a modernized puzzleboard with LCD screens and the ability for letters to appear with only a touch of Vanna White's hand.

Friedman doesn't forget the viewers at home. He is responsible for giving fans more ways to play, interact with the show and win. Friedman oversaw the development and launch of games for various mobile devices and game consoles. Also, he has implemented extensions of **Wheel of Fortune** on social media. Twitter followers can participate in a daily "Twitter Toss-Up," where the **Wheel of Fortune** Twitter account posts two partially solved puzzles per day and the Twitter community competes to see who will solve the puzzles first. Facebook fans are invited to participate in various Facebook Live events where they can vote on Vanna's dresses, compete against one another to guess toss up puzzles or even test their skills against former contestants. Fans that want a peek behind-the-scenes at **Wheel of Fortune** should follow the show on Instagram, where they can find the best selection of photos and moments from the set. Other peeks into production can be found on Snapchat.

WheelofFortune.com is accessible via mobile and desktop giving viewers a destination to engage with the show. The site allows viewers to play the "Toss-Up Challenge" and

Wheel of Fortune Bingo, enter to win luxury vacations or prizes from show partners, learn more about Vanna White, and join the Wheel Watchers Club.

The Wheel Watchers Club, the first-ever, long-term, online viewer engagement program in television history, and its extension, the SPIN ID, were both developed by Friedman. To date, nearly 12 million people have signed up.

Additionally, Friedman conceptualized the *Wheelmobile*, a mobile tour conducting contestant search events across the country providing fans the chance to audition for the show.