

## MARK JEAN

Mark Jean caught the filmmaking bug while attending Western Michigan University. Determined to become a director, he packed a U-haul with junk furniture, six plants and a Bolex and headed west. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Telecommunications & Film at San Diego State University before relocating to Los Angeles where he attended The American Film Institute on full scholarship, receiving a Masters Degree in Directing.

Jean won the **George Foster Peabody Award** for writing and directing a series of interstitials for Fox. He has directed multiple MOW's, pilots and episodic series and written several screenplays. His first novel, ***Puddlejumpers***, was published by Hyperion Books in 2008.

He directed and co-wrote the feature **MEET THE FOSTERS** based on the acclaimed best seller by Cynthia Voigt. The script received a WGA nomination for **Best Longform Adaptation** and the film, starring Anne Bancroft, took the **Gold Award** at the Houston International Film Festival.

Recent work includes two indie features, **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**, a dark comedy which he directed, and **FINN ON THE FLY**, a family comedy he co-wrote and directed. For producers Mel Brooks and Jonathan Sanger, he co-wrote **BEAST OF BATAAN**, a historical drama slated for production in 2010. For Universal Jean wrote **THE DRAGON HATCHER**, which he'll direct later this year. Most recently he helmed **COME DANCE AT MY WEDDING** for Hallmark.