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ROSS GALLICHOTTE, ART DIRECTOR & SET DESIGNER, DIES AT 63 (1951-2015)

Architect for Universal Theme Parks

LOS ANGELES, April 20, 2015 - Art Director and Set Designer Ross Gallichotte died of a heart attack at his home in Palmdale, Calif. on April 7. He was 63.

At Universal Studios he one of five architects who designed the theme park in Japan. He was the architect for the New York street location in the Florida theme park and also worked as architect and set designer at the studio’s theme parks in Malaysia and California.

He worked for Stephen J. Cannell Productions for many years and also for Aaron Spelling Productions.

His credits as Art Director include television series Hunter and Father Dowling Mysteries. As a Set Designer he worked on the motion pictures Red Dawn (1984), Fright Night (1985), Rocky IV (1985), Over the Top (1987) and The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (2006) and on the TV series The Dukes of Hazzard.

Gallichotte is survived by his parents Francis A. and John H. Gallichotte and by his siblings Craig, Marc, Derek, Paul and Carla. A date and venue for a “celebration of life” event will be announced shortly.

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