

# Stars shone brightly for stage, screen in '85

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NOT ALL THE STARS are in front

of the camera. The movie talent from the Detroit area also includes writers of screenplays for motion pictures.



Klaus Maria Brandauer is Baron Bror Bilken, the husband of Karen, played by Meryl Streep, in "Out of Africa." The film, starring Streep and Robert Redford, features a screenplay by Kurt Luedtke of Birmingham.

ham, author of action novels, has had many of his books made into movies. This year Leonard co-scripted the screenplay of the movie based on his novel "Stick." Leonard, not one to pull punches, later declared that the movie co-starring Burt Reynolds, Candice Bergen, George Segal and Charles Durning lost something through the actors' interpretations of their roles. In press reports still later, it appeared he wasn't so disgruntled after all.

Kurt Luedtke of Birmingham did the screenplay for "Out of Africa," based on the memoirs of Isak Dinesen and other books, which opened last week at a gala fund-raiser in Southfield. The movie has won praise for its spectacular presentation of colonial Africa and Dinesen's life on a coffee farm.

The former Detroit Free Press executive editor had earlier made his entry into the Hollywood scene when he scripted the blockbuster movie "Absence of Malice."

Hollywood wasn't the only facet of the entertainment industry touched by the talents of area people. The Broadway stage benefited from the shows produced this year by Ivan Bloch of Birmingham, a producer and real estate developer who maintains offices in his home town as well as New York.

Two of his shows were nominated for Tony Awards for best play, one for outstanding reproduction of a play or musical. Many actors in his shows were nominated for best performance.

Out of the 12 possible Tony awards

for Bloch's shows and stars, "Joe Egg" was honored as best revival. Stockard Channing, star of "Joe Egg," was named best actress in a play, and Judith Levy of "Hurly-burly" was chosen as best supporting actress in a play.

Bloch only began producing on Broadway in 1980 but his production of "The Real Thing" received a Tony award in 1984 for best play. Three other shows he produced also were nominated for Tony awards.



Elizabeth Harnois, at one time a Southfield resident, is Abbie Grainger, who helps her mother discover the meaning of Christmas, in Disney's holiday release "One Magic Christmas."



Candice Berger costars with director-actor Burt Reynolds in the movie based on Elmore "Dutch" Leonard's novel "Stick." Leonard, a Birmingham resident, co-scripted the screenplay for the film released earlier this year.

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