Russell Johnson

Voice Overs: announcer, promos, narration, friendly voice, conversational. **On Camera:** documentaries, TV hosting (no infomercials or hard sell).

About Russell Johnson

RussellJohnson has been performing voice overs, radio and television since he was sixteen. By nineteen, his voice was developed to the point where he was cast for a national gray hair formula radio commercial.

Johnson has held staff positions at major TV and radio stations including KRON-TV and KABL-Radio in San Francisco and WCCO-TV in Minneapolis, doing everything from promos and commercials to news and documentaries. He has written and hosted syndicated features on broadcast and internet radio and TV, Public Radio International and PBS. His quirky travel and high tech reports have been praised by Time Magazine, CBS, the BBC and other media. He currently voice tracks Connected Traveler Radio, a world culture and travel internet radio station.

For twenty years, Johnsonhas been chief in-house talent at Travelmedia Communications, a company he founded. He has voiced films, videos, CDs and commercials for major cruise lines such as Royal Viking Line, credit card companies including American Express, countries including Thailand, Hong Kong and Nepal and international organizations such as the United Nations Development Programme. He has worked in 58 countries. He has also directed others including Arthur C. Clarke, James Burke and the late Vincent Price. He has served on several world sustainable tourism boards and is currently on National Geographic's Geotourism advisory committee.

He is a well-known master of ceremonies at international events, mastering pronunciation of names in Thai, Fijiian, Chinese, Nepali, French, Spanish, German and other languages, on occasion introducing heads of state. He is the longtime voice of the Pacific Asia Travel Association, theworld's largest public/private tourism organization both at conferences and on CNN and the BBC and serves on its Board of Directors.

Johnson taught broadcast journalism and TV and radio performance at San Francisco State University for five years and continues to coach executives in media techniques and performance.

He owns a broadcast-quality recording and video studio equipped with AKG, Neumann and Sennheiser microphones, audio coupler, fast FTP site, blue screen video and standard and HDTV production.

Johnson has been an AFTRA member for 25 years.

