

Kindness Unedited

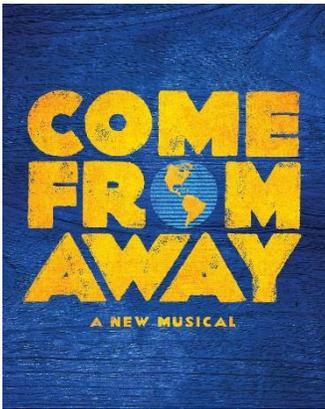
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Eva Ritvo, MD

Psychiatrist and author of *Bekindr: The Transformative Power of Kindness*

Inspired by a total stranger's act of kindness, Dr. Ritvo, a psychiatrist practicing in Miami Beach, FL, for over 25 years, began to investigate the science of kindness. She collected 100s of stories of random acts of kindness from people all over the world. Inspirational and far-reaching stories from 64 different contributors found a place in her latest book, *Bekindr: The Transformative Power of Kindness*. She also founded a worldwide movement, the Bekindr Global Initiative, to foster more kindness in the world.



Nick and Diane Marson with

Lee MacDougall and Sharon Wheatley, Actors, *Come From Away*

Nick and Diane met on 9/11 when their plane was diverted to Gander, Newfoundland and found love under the most trying of circumstances. Their story and those of the other 7,000 stranded passengers inspired the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, *Come From Away* which is also the first story in the book *Bekindr*.

Sharon Wheatley and Lee MacDougall are the actors who portray Nick and Diane on Broadway.



Marian Koltai-Levine

Executive Vice President, Film Marketing and Publicity, PMK•BNC, and Publicist for book and film *Wonder*

Wonder has been on the *New York Times* bestseller list since March 2012 and has sold over 5 million copies worldwide. The book's message of kindness has inspired the Choose Kind movement, and has been embraced by readers, young and old, around the world. Based on the book, *Wonder* the movie was released in the US in November 2017.

Marian Koltai-Levine leads all New York operations of PMK•BNC's Entertainment Division and also serves as executive vice president of film marketing and publicity department at the agency. Marian oversees and advises a diverse slate of film, television, and content media projects.

Marian and her team have run successful campaigns on behalf of Electric Entertainment, Fox Searchlight, A24, Anchor Bay, HBO, CNN Films, Red Granite Pictures, and Warrior Poets. The department has completed Academy Award campaigns for many notable films including *Lion*, *Carol*, *The Hateful Eight*, and *The Imitation Game*.

The film department represents many highly regarded corporate companies and festivals. Clients include Miramax (*Southside with You*, *Bridget Jones's Baby*), Kodak:

Motion Picture and Entertainment, New York Film Festival, SeriesFest, and MasterClass.

Additional clients include Mandeville Films (*Beauty and the Beast*, *Stronger*, *Wonder*), the Russo Brothers (*Captain America: Civil War*, *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*), and Gastón Pavolich (*Silence*).

Marian is passionate about new voices and the global artistic community, and working with various arts nonprofits including Sundance Institute, IFP, and UJA. She was also named one of the 100 most powerful women in Hollywood by *The Hollywood Reporter*. Marian is an adjunct professor at NYU and has been a featured speaker at the Produced By Conference, SXSW Mentor, Independent Film Project, Variety Marketing Conference, and others.

Prior to her current position, Marian was the Founder and CEO of Zipline Entertainment, which launched in 2008. Zipline Entertainment became a leader in the evolving world of content and distribution and joined the PMK•BNC family in August, 2010. Prior to Zipline, Marian Koltai-Levine was EVP of Marketing for Fine Line Features and for Picturehouse, a division of New Line Cinema and HBO.



Ali Velshi

MSNBC Anchor and Business Correspondent for NBC News and MSNBC

Velshi has covered a wide range of breaking news events and global affairs throughout his career, including US presidential elections, ISIL and the Syrian refugee crisis, the Iran nuclear deal from Tehran, the tensions between Russia and NATO from Eastern Europe and the High Arctic, the debt crisis in Greece, the funeral of Nelson Mandela, and the global financial crisis.

Before joining NBC News and MSNBC, Velshi hosted “Ali Velshi On Target,” a nightly primetime show on Al Jazeera America. Before that, he served as CNN’s Chief Business Correspondent, anchor of CNN International’s “World Business Today” and host of CNN’s weekly business roundtable “Your Money.” Velshi also co-hosted CNN’s morning show “American Morning.”

An award-winning journalist, Velshi was honored with a National Headliner Award for Business & Consumer Reporting for “How the Wheels Came Off,” a special on the near collapse of the American auto industry. His work on disabled workers and Chicago’s red-light camera scandal in 2016 earned him two News and Documentary Emmy Award nominations, adding to a nomination in 2010 for his terrorism coverage. Additionally, Velshi has taken his economic analysis to “Oprah,” “The View,” and “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.”

Velshi is the author of *Gimme My Money Back* (Sterling and Ross, 2008) and co-author with CNN’s Christine Romans of *How to Speak Money* (Wiley, 2010).

Born in Kenya and raised in Canada, Velshi graduated from Queen’s University in Canada, which bestowed an honorary Doctorate of Laws upon him in 2016. Velshi splits his time between New York City and Philadelphia. Active in the community, Velshi serves on the Board of Trustees of the Chicago History Museum, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He also volunteers with New York’s Center for Urban Community Services homeless outreach program.

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