



Bran Ferren
Co-Chairman and Chief Creative Officer

Mr. Ferren is a designer and technologist working in entertainment, product development, engineering, architecture and the sciences. He is former President of Research and Development, and Creative Technology for Walt Disney. Prior to that, he was President and Senior Designer for Associates & Ferren, a company that Disney acquired in 1993.

His design career has included special visual effects, lighting and sound design for many Hollywood films, Broadway shows, World's Fairs, Theme Park attractions and Rock & Roll tours.

He has also designed exhibitions, special purpose vehicles, consumer products and several major architectural and interior projects.

He serves on several Government science, technology and management advisory boards. Current and previously held positions include: National Security Agency Advisory Board, National Reconnaissance Office Technical Advisory Group, Defense Science Board, Army Science Board, Department of Homeland Security Technology Advisory Group, Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel, FCC Technical Advisory Committee, Security and Exchange Commission Technical Advisory Group, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Technical Advisory Group, US Strategic Command Advisory Board, and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Advisory Group.

As a designer and technical consultant his clients have included General Motors, IBM, Warner Communications, The Walt Disney Company, Revo Sunglasses, Strand Lighting, Northrop Grumman and Lockheed Martin corporations.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences gave Ferren Technical Achievement Awards for the Computer-Controlled Lightning Effects System and Laser Synchro-Cue System, as well as the Scientific and Engineering Award for an Advanced Concept Optical Printer, used for special effects cinematography. He was nominated for an Oscar in 1987 for his work in *Little Shop of Horrors*. For his work in theatre, Bran received the New York Drama Desk, Los Angeles Critics Circle and Maharam Foundation Awards. He was the recipient of the Wally Russell lifetime achievement award for lighting design, and the Kilby award for significant contributions to society.

A popular guest lecturer, Bran has addressed over 100 professional groups in the entertainment, business and scientific communities.