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Documentary Journalism.

He has produced and directed many TV specials and documentary films, including "Counting on Democracy" narrated by Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee; We Are Family" (2002), "Nkosi: A Voice of Africa's AIDS Orphans" (2001) narrated by Danny Glover; "A Hero for All: Nelson Mandela's Farewell" (1999); "Beyond Life: Timothy Leary Lives" (1997); "Sowing Seeds/Reeping Peace: The World of Seeds of Peace" (1996); "Prisoners of Hope" (1995, co-directed by Barbara Kopple); "Countdown to Freedom: Ten Days that Changed South Africa" (1994), narrated by James Earl Jones and Alfre Woodard; "Sarajevo Ground Zero" (1993); "The Living Canvas" (1992), narrated by Billy Dee Williams; "Beyond JFK: The Question of Conspiracy" (1992, co-directed by Barbara Kopple); "Give Peace a Chance" (1991); "Mandela in America" (1990); "The Making of Sun City" (1987); and "Student Power" (1968).

Schechter is co-founder and executive producer of Globalvision, a New York-based TV and film production company and has specialized in producing programming about the interface between popular music and society.

His career began as the "News Dissector" at Boston's leading rock station, WBCN. Later, Schechter was a producer for ABC NEWS 20/20. He produced profiles of such stars as Bruce Springstein, Bob Dylan, Tina Turner and pioneering segments on hip-hop and heavy metal. Working with Springstein guitarist Little Steven Van Zandt, he produced SUN CITY, the hit record and video featuring 54 top artists speaking out against apartheid. In 1991, he worked with Lenny Kravitz and Yoko Lennon on a video remake of John Lennon's classic "Give Peace a Chance" with 39 stars. He was a producer on the Nelson Mandela concert in London in 1990.

A Cornell University graduate, he received his Master's degree from the London School of Economics, and an honorary doctorate from Fitchburg College. He was a Neiman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard, where he also taught in 1969.

Schechter joined the start-up staff at CNN as a producer based in Atlanta. He then moved to ABC as a producer for 20/20, where during his eight years he won two National News Emmys.

