

Barrie M. Schwartz

Barrie Schwartz was the Official Documenting Photographer for the Shroud of Turin Research Project, the team that conducted the first in-depth scientific examination of the Shroud in 1978. Today, he plays an influential role in Shroud research and education as the editor and founder of the internationally recognized Shroud of Turin Website (www.shroud.com), the oldest, largest and most extensive Shroud resource on the Internet, with more than ten million visitors from over 160 countries. In 2009 he founded the Shroud of Turin Education and Research Association, Inc. (STERA, Inc.), a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, to which he donated the website and his extensive Shroud photographic collection, as well as many other important Shroud resources, in order to preserve and maintain these materials and make them available for future research and study. He currently serves as the President of STERA, Inc.

Mr. Schwartz has conducted Shroud lectures around the world. He has appeared in programs and documentaries on every major broadcast and cable television network, including the History Channel, the Discovery Channel, the Learning Channel, the National Geographic Channel, CNN, PBS, the BBC, Fox News, Channel 1 Russia, the Coast to Coast AM radio show, Catholic Answers radio and Vatican Radio. His photographs have appeared in hundreds of books and publications including Life Magazine, National Geographic, Time Magazine and Newsweek and in countless television documentaries. He has written many Shroud articles and papers that have been published in periodicals or presented at conferences around the world, the most recent in the March 2010 issue of Catholic Digest. He continues to participate in Shroud research with experts around the world and co-authored a book with Ian Wilson titled, "The Turin Shroud: The Illustrated Evidence" published in August 2000 by Michael O'Mara Books, Ltd., London, and distributed by Barnes & Noble in the U.S.

Barrie Schwartz began his professional photographic career upon graduating from Brooks Institute of Photography in 1971. He operated an award winning commercial photographic studio specializing in product, food, advertising, technical and editorial illustration for fifteen years and founded his first video production company, Educational Video, Inc., in May of 1978.

After moving to Los Angeles in 1985, Mr. Schwartz became more involved in the entertainment field. He was the editor and post-production supervisor for the best selling 17 episode "Rocky and Bullwinkle" home video series for Buena Vista Home Video (Disney), which garnered a Silver Medal for Best Children's Video at the 1992 International Film and Video Festival. He co-produced, directed and edited "Money, History In Your Hands," a home video program starring James Earl Jones that won the Parent's Choice Video of the Year award in 1995 as well as two Silver Screen Awards at the International Film and Video Festival in 1996. The program was broadcast on PBS in 1999.

From 1987 to 2001, Mr. Schwartz was an independent imaging consultant to the Laser Research and Technology Development Laboratory at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. He employed video, still photography, high speed cinematography and microscopy in imaging research projects with major universities, hospitals and medical device manufacturers and produced hundreds of presentations for the medical field, including slide and video programs that taught new surgical techniques to surgeons. In 1998, he developed two digital imaging protocols that were accepted and approved for use in clinical trials by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and his company served as Core Laboratory for one of those trials. His clients have included many of the largest corporations in the world and his presentations have been shown at major medical and scientific conferences worldwide and to the FDA, U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.