

WHY ALLAKAZAM?

Since I was a really little guy, I've dreamt, like many of you, to be on that Allaka-team that created all those wonderful episodes. But as I grew up, I heard the stories, met the Players, and experienced the passing of some of the cherished original cast. Sadly, the possibility of actually joining that illustrious group, became more and more distant...

Until now.

With the 50th Anniversary as an excuse, and with a shared dream, fate once again guided a new generation of Allaka-Team Members to find each other, and join forces in celebration of a show that deserves our admiration and respect. If you don't believe me, then just take a look at some of the tributes strewn throughout these pages.

Mom, Dad, Mike, Rebo, Johnny, and all the rest of the original Allaka-Team, this creation is for you. It is the

combination of love and gratitude from people of all ages, backgrounds and lifestyles, because, like me, they too realize that this is the moment... the 50th Anniversary only comes around once in a lifetime. So please help me thank the New Allaka-Team. Mark R., Steve M., Bob S., Chris M., Bob M., Tyler W., Alan B. and so many more, for their gifts of love, time, and hard work.

And a HUGE Thank You to the Academy of Magical Arts, Magic Castle, Mark F., and Matt P. for their generosity and support. Thank you ALL.

*Best Allaka-Wishes,
Greg*

GREG WILSON

The Wilsons' post-Allakazam offspring took immediately to performing magic, being influenced by all of the Allakazam ephemera that filled the Wilson home. That kind of immersion exposure turned Greg into a huge Allakazam fan. It is not a surprise then that Greg is also the curator of the Wilson magic collection, and is the executive producer of these 50th Anniversary celebrations. His favorite nick-name is Allaka-son #2.



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*Sincerest and warmest
congratulations to our dear
friends Mark and Nani.
With great admiration and
respect for all you have achieved,
Ruth and David Berglas*