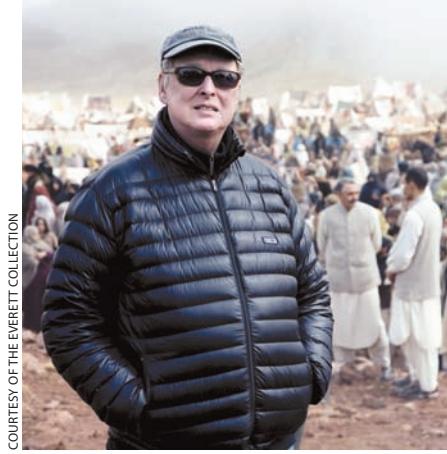




Elaine May and Mike Nichols crack up during recording.



On the set of *Charlie Wilson's War*



Dustin Hoffman (whom Nichols directed in *The Graduate*) and producer Julian Schlossberg

performing on stage and television in the 1950s. After deciding to go on her own in 1961, May wrote a number of movies, including *A New Leaf* and *Heaven Can Wait*, and has continued to direct and act.

"What Mike had that was so great was brains and a heart," says Schlossberg. "He was a really smart man with a lot of *rachmones* [pity]."

Schlossberg filmed his interview with Nichols at the release of *Charlie Wilson's War*, a 2007 movie about a Congressman trying to influence fighting factions in Afghanistan. Nichols directed Tom Hanks as the star.

"This interview has never been shown before," says Schlossberg, who is unrelated to Edwin Schlossberg, the husband of Caroline Kennedy. "I wanted to have it as a record."

"I had been on the radio in New York and syndicated throughout the United States — but sadly not in Detroit, where I used to visit an aunt and uncle [Bea and Eddie Schaefer] at their home on Outer Drive. I spent nine years [as host of *Movie Talk*] interviewing people in show business, and I said to Mike we really should sit down and talk."

"Because he had done the radio show, he knew I would not be asking him 'gotcha' questions. When he passed away in 2014 [at 83], I contacted people at *American Masters*."

Schlossberg did all the interviews for the program, with the exception of comments from the late comedian Robin Williams, whom Nichols directed in the *Birdcage*. The interview approach builds on experience as an executive in movie

distribution and production of film, theater and television projects.

"In the past, movies started out with runs at a limited number of theaters, and I played *The Graduate* at the Coronet Theatre in New York City but didn't know Mike then," Schlossberg recalls. "In the 1970s, he made *The Fortune* with Jack Nicholson and Warren Beatty and got involved choosing the theaters that would play the film. I got a call from him [about running it at the Coronet], and we met. I saw the film, and we became friends."

Schlossberg also became a fan.

"I have a few favorite movies — *The Graduate* [about materialism], *Silkwood* [about a whistleblower] and *Carnal Knowledge* [about sexuality]," Schlossberg says. "I'm still tipping my hat to the fact that he could do *Angels in America* [about AIDS] as a television special that won 11 Emmys."

"For theater, there were so many favorites. The comedies — *Barefoot in the Park*, *The Odd Couple*, *Prisoner of Second Avenue* — were just terrific. He did a play called *Streamers* [about the Vietnam War] by David Rabe; at the end of the play, I literally was unable to get out of my seat because it was so powerful."

The memories live on.

"Mike was so well read that it was nice to talk to him on any kind of a subject," Schlossberg says of Nichols, who, between the ages of 12 and 14, read every word that Eugene O'Neill ever wrote.

"What I may have newly discovered, he knew about. It was the pleasure of his company that was so incredible." *

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