in 1986, becoming the highest-rated talk show in television history. In 1988, she established Harpo Studios, a production facility in Chicago, making her the third woman in the American entertainment industry (after Mary Pickford and Lucille Ball) to own her own studio. *The Oprah Winfrey Show* has remained the number one talk show for 20 consecutive seasons. Produced by her production company, Harpo Productions, Inc., the show is seen by an estimated 48 million viewers a week in the United States and is broadcast internationally in 132 countries.

Magazine Founder and Editorial Director: In April 2000, Oprah and Hearst Magazines introduced *O, The Oprah Magazine*, a monthly magazine that has become one of today's leading women's lifestyle publications. It is credited as being the most successful magazine launch in recent history and currently has a circulation of 2.3 million readers each month. In April 2002, Oprah launched the first international edition of *O, The Oprah Magazine* in South Africa, extending her live your best life message to another broad audience. In 2004, *O at Home*, a newsstand-only quarterly shelter magazine designed to help readers create a home that reflects their personal style, made its debut.

Producer/Actress:

Through her company's film division, Harpo Films, she has produced projects based on classic and contemporary literature that have garnered the highest industry honors for quality acting and production. Telefilms under the Oprah Winfrey Presents banner have included the award-winning *Tuesdays With Morrie*, based on the best-selling novel by Mitch Albom and starring Academy Award®-winner Jack Lemmon and Emmy Award®-winner Hank Azaria; *David and Lisa*, an updated version of a 1962 film, re-written for television by Lloyd Kramer and Theodore Isaac Rubin and starring Academy Award®-winner Sidney Poitier; and *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, based on the Zora Neale Hurston novel and starring Academy Award®-winner Halle Berry. In 1998, Harpo Films produced the critically acclaimed *Beloved*, a Touchstone Pictures feature film based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Toni Morrison, which co-starred Oprah Winfrey and Danny Glover and was directed by Jonathan Demme.

Oprah made her acting debut in 1985 as "Sofia" in Steven Spielberg's *The Color Purple*, for which she received both Academy Award® and Golden Globe nominations. She also has been lauded for her performances in the made-for-television movies *Before Women Had Wings* (1997), *There Are No Children Here* (1993), and *The Women of Brewster Place* (1989).

Online Leader:

Oprah.com is a premiere women's lifestyle website, offering advice on everything from the mind, body and spirit to food, home and relationships. It provides comprehensive resources related to *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *O, The Oprah Magazine* and *Oprah & Friends*. In addition, the website has unique original content, including Oprah's Book Club, which offers free in-depth reading guides for each book selection, online discussion groups and Q&A sessions with literary experts. Within its first year, Oprah's Book Club quickly became the largest book club in the world, attracting approximately 1 million members. In 2003, Oprah.com also launched Live Your Best Life, an interactive multimedia workshop based on her sold-out national speaking tour that features Oprah's personal life stories and life lessons along with a workbook of thought-provoking exercises. Oprah.com averages 68 million page views and more than 4 million users per month and receives approximately 20,000 e-mails each week.

Oprah Winfrey is the epitome of strength and confidence for women all over the world. She fights against injustice and tries to make this world a better place for everyone especially the coming generation. She is an ideal human being, an icon, a legend.

Philanthropist:

Oprah has long believed that education is the door to freedom, offering a chance at a brighter future. Through her private charity, The Oprah Winfrey Foundation, she has awarded hundreds of grants to organizations that support the education and empowerment of women, children and families in the United States and around the world. Amongst her various philanthropic contributions, she has donated millions of dollars toward providing a better education for students who have merit but no means. She also has developed schools to educate thousands of underserved children internationally and created "The Oprah Winfrey Scholars Program," which gives scholarships to students determined to use their education to give back to their communities in the United States and abroad.

In December 2002, The Oprah Winfrey Foundation expanded its global humanitarian efforts with her Christmas Kindness South Africa 2002 initiative that included visits to orphanages and rural schools in South Africa where 50,000 children received gifts of food, clothing, athletic shoes, school supplies, books and toys. Sixty-three rural schools received libraries and teacher education. During a December 2000 visit with Nelson Mandela, Oprah pledged $10 million to build a school in