

Ms. Soden has worn many hats throughout her 30 year career in the entertainment industry. She has worked as a casting director, writer, actress and producer. She has also worked in every genre of the business from sit-coms to reality shows to commercials.

She gained experience as assistant to director, Paul Bogart, on NBC's "Golden Girls" and later found herself as a post production supervisor on Fox's "Totally Hidden Video". She became a staff producer at InFinnity Productions specializing in infomercials and later moved to Wild West Media as a commercial producer. As a casting director she has cast over 200 commercials, infomercials and industrials. Maura has also served as a Production Manager for shows such as Animal Planet's series, "That's My Baby". Soden recently served as a story producer for TRUtv's "Crisis Point" and is now working as a testimonial producer for THANE Direct, an international direct marketing company. She continues to write features and television pilots many of which have been commissioned and optioned.

Her producing skills were honored in 2002 when her short film, [Rush of the Palms](#) (2001), won Best Short in the Festival Internacional de Cinema. Her documentary, [Forgotten Grave](#), won the Best Film in its category at the Zoie Film Festival and on ifilm.com. She also shared a NIMA [award](#) for Best Infomercial Production for [Jack Nicklaus' Golden Bear Putter](#). □ □

Ms. Soden has been a professional actress for over two decades. As a member of SAG, AFTRA and Actor's Equity she has been seen on stage in regional and dinner theatre productions, been heard on many radio spots and seen on numerous television shows. She has appeared in over 25 commercials and as a regular on "Candid Camera", "thirtysomething", "Totally Hidden Video" and "Passions". Her most recent credits include "United States of Tara", "Make It or Break It" and "Criminal Minds". She currently has a national commercial running for Spiriva.

Ms. Soden is a long standing member of Women In Film and The Television Academy. She co-founded AdVerb, Inc. a Los Angeles based production company in 2001 and founded Take Flight Films in 2007. Her greatest production, however, is her daughter, Callahan Rose.

Maura is very modest, so check her out on her IMDB page. Just go to www.imdb.com and type in her name and see all of her accomplishments. Having a person of such prestige come to Hickory and offer a workshop for us is such an honor!!