

## **Ed Begley, Jr.**



When it comes to taking personal responsibility for the environment, few individuals can match the record of actor and activist Ed Begley, Jr. Known for turning up at Hollywood events on his bicycle, he has served as chairman of the Environmental Media Association and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. He serves on the boards of many organizations, including the Thoreau Institute and the Midnight Mission. His work has earned awards from numerous environmental groups including the California League of Conservation Voters, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Coalition for Clean Air, Heal the Bay, the Santa Monica Baykeeper and the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation. Currently, he is the co-star of the hit Planet Green series ***Living with Ed***, a look at the day-to-day realities of “living green” with his wife Rachelle Carson, who's not quite as enthusiastic about a rain barrel as he. The series has currently just finished airing its 3rd season. His first book, ***Living Like Ed***, hit the streets nationally in February 2008, and the second book, ***Ed Begley's Guide to Sustainable Living*** came out in August of 2009.

Inspired by the works of his Academy Award-winning father, Begley became an actor. He first came to audiences' attention for his portrayal of Dr. Victor Ehrlich on the long-running hit television series ***St. Elsewhere***, for which he received six Emmy nominations. Since then, Begley has moved easily between feature films, television and theatre projects. He has appeared in several Christopher Guest films, including ***A Mighty Wind***, ***Best In Show*** and ***For Your Consideration***. Recent feature film credits include Woody Allen's ***Whatever Works*** with Larry David, as well as ***Pineapple Express*** with Seth Rogan. Begley has also appeared in ***Batman Forever***, ***The Accidental Tourist*** and ***The Inlaws***. In 2008, Begley appeared in the HBO feature ***Recount*** starring Kevin Spacey, as well as the Lifetime movie, ***Georgia O'Keefe***, with Jeremy Irons and Joan Allen in 2009.

On television, Begley has had recurring roles on ***Six Feet Under*** and ***Arrested Development***. He has also guest starred on such series as ***The West Wing***, ***The Practice***, and ***Boston Legal***. Most recently, Begley was featured in ***Gary Unmarried***, ***The New Adventures Of Old Christine***,

and **Party Down**. In 2009, Begley again worked twice with director Christopher Guest – once on a series of commercials for DirecTV, and again on a series of commercials for the 2010 Census.

Begley also starred in the West Coast premiere of David Mamet's **Cryptogram** at the Geffen Playhouse, in a role that he first performed in Boston and then in New York. He also starred in Mr. Mamet's production of **Romance** at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles.

This talented actor has also directed several episodes of the hit TV series **NYPD Blue** as well as a stage play that he wrote and directed called **Cesar and Ruben** that won a Nos Otros Award and four Valley Theater League awards.

Begley lives in Studio City, CA in a small, energy efficient home with his wife and co-star Rachelle Carson and their daughter Hayden.

Ed Begley is currently one of the hottest speakers on eco-living in America. His theme, ***Live Simply So That Others Can Simply Live***, has been received by standing ovations at over 125 events in just the last three years. His empowering and humorous message on sustainable living includes:

- How he began his 40-year eco-journey in 1970, including humorous stories about his first electric car and his first attempt at composting
- “Everything I have done for the ‘environment’ has also been good for my ‘pocketbook’”
- “Start with the little things – you don’t “run” up Mt. Everest!”
- The success in California to clean up the smog – it didn’t hurt business...the economy thrived!
- Global climate change, pollution, dependency on Mid-East oil – these are “challenges” that can be overcome!
- Products and services that he has used that work!
- “Our planet is an asset with value – let’s not treat it like a “going-out-of-business” sale!”

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Be sure to watch Ed Begley Jr. and his wife Rachele Carson in the day-to-day realities of “living green” on **Living with Ed** on Planet Green TV.

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