

The Wax Works

The Cunninghams as The Swiss Family Robinson

John and I, along with our two young boys, were asked to portray The Swiss Family Robinson in the 1983 Wax Works. Of course, it was an honor to be asked! We arrived at the set time for our makeup to be applied. Our two boys, Tad and Andy, weren't so sure they liked the idea of wearing lipstick but they were good sports and allowed it to be applied. It took a lot of discipline to sit quietly for the 20 to 30 minutes it took for Georgie Mechem to make his way around the hall and finally getting to us but the boys were amazing. They didn't stir! No easy feat for a 5- and 9-year-old.

Tim Crouse wrote an article on the Wax Works that was published in *The New Yorker* in July of 1984. The Cunningham family's portrayal of The Swiss Family Robinson was prominently featured! We still have our copy! It was a wonderful experience to be part of the Wax Works that year!

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