



THE FABULOUS BEEKMAN BOYS BIOGRAPHIES

DR. BRENT RIDGE

Dr. Brent Ridge was the Assistant Clinical Professor at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York and also served as the Vice President of Healthy Living for Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. Ridge developed Stewart's Healthy Center for Living at Mt. Sinai Hospital for the management of chronic health conditions and for the promotion of healthy aging. According to Dr. Ridge, "aging" is not about a number or a year, but rather "learning ways to maximize your health so that whether you are 30, 50, or 80, you are getting the most out of your life and doing the things you love to do."

In 2008 Dr. Brent Ridge and his partner, Josh Kilmer-Purcell launched Beekman 1802, an environmentally-friendly lifestyle company inspired by their goat farm in Sharon Springs, NY.

In 2009, Planet Green announced a docu-series about Brent and Josh scheduled to premiere on the channel in June of 2010. The series will document their relationship and lives as gentlemen farmers in upstate New York as they build their new company together.

As an undergraduate, Dr. Brent Ridge majored in public health and environmental science, studying the way the state of the natural environment impacts our health choices. Born and raised in North Carolina, he graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, completed his post-graduate training at Columbia University, and also holds an MBA from New York University.

He writes for *care2.com* and *The Huffington Post*.

JOSH KILMER-PURCELL

Josh Kilmer-Purcell is a *New York Times* bestselling author. In 2006, Harper Perennial published *I Am Not Myself These Days: A Memoir*, a tragicomic account of Kilmer-Purcell's early days in New York City, living as an advertising art director by day and a drag queen named "Aquadisiac" (or "Aqua") by night. *Candy Everybody Wants*, a novel by Kilmer-Purcell, was published by HarperPerennial in 2008. As his drag queen alter ego "Aqua," Kilmer-Purcell performed at nightclubs in New York, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and Tokyo.

Kilmer-Purcell has worked at several Manhattan advertising agencies, including Kirshenbaum Bond & Partners, Merkley Newman Harty, TBWA\Chiat\Day, and SS+K.

In 2008 Kilmer-Purcell and his partner launched Beekman 1802, an environmentally-friendly lifestyle company inspired by their goat farm in Sharon Springs, NY. His new novel, *The Bucolic Plague: From Drag Queen to Goat Farmer: An Unconventional Memoir*, relates the story of Kilmer-Purcell's purchase of a historic mansion

and goat farm in upstate NY and is slated to be published by HarperCollins in June 2010. In 2009, Planet Green announced a docu-series about Josh and his partner Brent to be aired on the channel in June of 2010. The series will document their relationship and lives as gentlemen farmers as they build their new company together.

Josh Kilmer-Purcell was born in upstate New York and raised in rural Wisconsin. He attended Michigan State University, where he studies creative writing with the poet Diane Wakoski. He received a BA in English Literature in 1991.

Kilmer-Purcell began writing a monthly column about urban gay life for *OUT Magazine*. He's contributed to several national media outlets including *The Advocate* and NPR.