

# Sam Berliner

**Award-Winning Filmmaker  
Film Festival Programmer  
Animation Producer  
Video Editor  
Speaker**

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## Education

BA Film/Theatre  
Smith College  
Northampton, MA 2005

MFA Cinema  
San Francisco State University  
San Francisco, CA 2013

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## Awards

Genderbender Award, 2013  
Hamburg Queer Film Festival

Golden Reel Award, 2013  
Reeling Chicago LGBT Film Festival

Best Short Trans Film, 2013  
Seattle Queer Film Festival  
Translations Film Festival  
Long Island LGBT Film Festival

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## Speaker

Saving Transgender History on Film,  
Programmer & Moderator, Pride of  
the Ocean Film Festival, 2018

Trans Stories on Film & Online,  
Moderator, Frameline: San Francisco  
LGBTQ Film Festival, 2016

Summer Institute for Research &  
Education on Gender & Sexuality,  
San Francisco State University, 2016

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## Queer Scouts Inc

www.queerscouting.org  
Founder and Executive  
Director of non-profit with a  
mission to organize inclusive,  
diverse, monthly peer-led  
educational skillshares for  
LGBTQIA+ adults and allies  
that empower authentic  
self-expression and build  
thriving communities.

## Professional Summary

I am a motivated and confident producer, editor, film festival programmer and operations manager with over 10 years of experience. I am an award winning filmmaker and am passionate about the power of media to educate, engage and inspire.

## Experience

### **Producer - Planet Nutshell Inc - Cambridge, MA - 2019-Present**

www.planetnutshell.com

Project management: Traffic manager / liaison with clients and staff for all schedules, contracts, budgets, deliverables, and feedback and ensuring deadlines are met. Maintaining freelancer database and staffing projects. Directing voiceover sessions. Admin: Contracts, invoices, asset/production file management, maintaining Vimeo, YouTube and Wordpress, overseeing Internship Program. Creative: Voiceover, music, video editing and subtitling in Premiere. Contribute to creative feedback and decision-making.

### **Programmer - Frameline: San Francisco International LGBTQ Film Festival - San Francisco, CA - 2018-Present**

www.frameline.org

On the programming team to recommend transgender and non-binary feature and short films for inclusion in the festival. Write program notes and run intros and Q&As during the festival.

### **Programming & Operations Manager - Three Dollar Bill Cinema - Seattle, WA - 2016-2019**

www.threedollarbillcinema.org

Programming for all TDBC events: Translations: Seattle Transgender Film Festival, Seattle Queer Film Festival and Outdoor Cinema. Oversaw all operations for all organization's events that included hiring and training staff and volunteers, venue and film rentals. Previous role: Print Traffic Coordinator 2013-2015.

### **Festival Director, Translations: Seattle Transgender Film Festival - Three Dollar Bill Cinema - Seattle, WA - 2012-2019**

www.threedollarbillcinema.org/translations

Programming, running and overseeing all staff for the festival including design, soliciting films, screening committee, hiring and training seasonal staff, programming films and booking venues.

### **Animator, The F Word Series - 2016-2017**

www.thefwordseries.com

Animator for webseries The F Word: Foster To Adopt. Worked directly with director and editor to create fun, light-hearted sequences for the series about navigating the foster-to-adopt system. Nominee Breakthrough Series, Short Form, IFP Gotham Awards. One of the Best Series of the Year by IndieWire.

### **Associate Producer, Real Boy - 2012-2016**

www.realboymovie.com

Assisted film director in many aspects of pre-production, production and post-production including planning shoots, releases, running camera and audio, researching and assisting with grant writing, organizing archival footage, providing feedback on rough and fine-cut screenings.

## More Info

References, reel, filmography, full festival screenings list & full speaking engagements list available upon request.