

SAM BERLINER

Award-Winning Filmmaker
Film Festival Programmer
Video Producer/Editor & Speaker

CONTACT

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EDUCATION

- BA Film/Theatre
Smith College Northampton, MA 2005
- MFA Cinema
San Francisco State University San Francisco, CA 2013

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

SPEAKER

- Host, Queers Do Cinema Podcast, 2023
- Saving Transgender History on Film, Programmer & Moderator, Pride the Ocean Film Festival, 2018
- Trans Stories on Film & Online, Moderator, Frameline Film Festival, 2016

QUEER SCOUTS INC

Founder and Executive Director

www.queerscouting.org

Non-profit organizing inclusive, diverse, monthly peer-led educational skillshares for LGBTQIA2S+ adults & allies that empower authentic self-expression & 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

Programmer - Frameline: San Francisco Int. LGBTQ Film Festival - SF, 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.

Producer - Planet Nutshell Inc - Cambridge, MA - 2019-2023

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.

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 FWord: FosterTo 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 - Oakland, CA - 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.