

# Saville productions

## commercialdirector/biography

### ben selkow

Ben Selkow is an award-winning, non-fiction television and film director/producer whose work has been showcased on HBO, CNN, PBS, Sundance TV, Discovery, Science, Participant Media, Univision, Esquire Network, and at film festivals globally, most recently winning Audience and Best Documentary Prizes at DOC NYC and the Seattle International Film Festival. His work pushes the cinematographic medium while crafting evocative human stories that elevate topics to broader platforms of dialog. He has directed and produced long-form documentaries, docuseries, hosted international series and branded content all over the world.

Ben directed all six episodes of CNN's forthcoming series "Believer" with New York Times best-selling author and religious scholar Reza Aslan. Other non-fiction television credits include: episodes of the Emmy and Peabody Award-winning docu-series "Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown" (CNN, Director/Producer, 2014), the Anthony Bourdain-executive produced travel series "The Getaway" (Esquire Network, 2014, Senior Producer), "Welcome to Fairfax" (Participant Media, Executive Producer, 2014), "Get To Work" (Sundance TV, Senior Story Producer, 2012), and the Steven Spielberg executive produced Emmy Award-winning six-part series "Rising: Rebuilding Ground Zero (DreamWorksTV/Discovery Channel, Post Producer, 2011).

In the feature documentary film space, Ben produced "Death by a Thousand Cuts" (2016) which premiered at the 2016 Hot Docs Film Festival, won the Documentary Grand Jury Prize at the Seattle International Documentary Competition, won the Audience Award at the 2016 DOC NYC Film Festival and will premiere in the spring 2017 on digital platforms and Univision. He directed and produced "Buried Above Ground," which focuses on PTSD, and premiered at the 2015 Woodstock Film Festival, where it was a Finalist for Best Documentary and Best Editing and recently won a 2016 SAMHSA Voice Award. The film premiered on PBS's America ReFramed series during June 2016's PTSD Awareness Month. Over six years, the vérité film goes on an inspirational journey with people trying to recover from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). With this film, he was selected for a 2010-2011 Rosalynn Carter Mental Health Journalism Fellowship. Ben produced "Prayer for a Perfect Season" (HBO, Producer, 2011); "The Carrier" (PBS & Tribeca Film Festival, 2011); and directed and produced "A Summer in the Cage" (Sundance Channel, 2007) which focused on bipolar disorder and was nominated for a PRISM Award, nominated for a VOICE Award and won the 2009 Mental Health America (MHA) Media Award.

In 2003, Ben was invited to attend the prestigious Sundance Institute Producers' Conference. Ben graduated from Wesleyan University's Film Studies Program and African-American Studies Program both with Honors.