

Saville productions

documentary director/biography

ondi timoner

Ondi Timoner has the rare distinction of winning the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival twice – for her 2004 documentary, DIG!, about the collision of art & commerce through the star-crossed rivalry between two bands, and her 2009 top prize-winner, WE LIVE IN PUBLIC, about Internet visionary Josh Harris. The Museum of Modern Art in New York acquired both films for their permanent collection. Her other award-winning features include The Nature of the Beast (1994), Join Us (2007), COOL IT(2010) and BRAND: A Second Coming (2015).

Her latest project is JUNGLETOWN, an ongoing television series (season one will be ten hours) and feature-length documentary (to be shot over years) which follows the building of “the world’s most sustainable modern town” through the eyes of the young adults who, facing climate disaster, are moving to the Panamanian jungle. It premiered on VICELAND on March 28, 2017. She has also written the script for MAPPLETHORPE, the story of controversial visionary photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, which she is set to produce and direct in June 2017.

Timoner has made many award-winning short films. Her notable shorts include “Library of Dust” (2011), about the missing cremated remains of thousands of patients at The Oregon State Mental Hospital, which won Traverse City, Seattle, Taos and International Film Festival of Puerto Rico, “Amanda F—ing Palmer on the Rocks” (2014), which won the Sheffield Film Festival after premiering at Tribeca Film Festival, “Obey the Artist” about Shepard Fairey (2013) and “The Last Mile” (2015) about a tech incubator inside San Quentin prison – both of which premiered at SXSW.

Timoner has produced and hosted BYOD (Bring Your Own Doc) for thelip.tv, the only documentary talk show in the world, with over 250 episodes covering over 350 films and festivals since 2011. She is also the Founder & CEA (Chief Executive Artist) of A TOTAL DISRUPTION, an online network dedicated to telling the stories of innovators & entrepreneurs and artists who are using technology to change the way we live. Timoner serves on the National Board of the DGA and is a member of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences. In 2014, Ondi gave a talk at TEDxKC entitled “When Genius and Insanity Hold Hands.”