STUART SENDER

EXPERIENCED, DRIVEN, ACCOMPLISHED EXECUTIVE AND PRODUCTION PROFESSIONAL.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Experienced, Driven, Accomplished, Multiple Award-Winning **Production Executive, Producer, Writer, Director, Show Runner, Media Consultant and Teacher**. With a wealth of experience, working for leading and high-profile companies in the film and television sectors.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Extensive background in production, directing, writing, team building, project management, budget planning and administration, content development and delivery, presentation development, investor and stakeholder relationship management, performance management, and talent acquisition.
- Hard-working and driven, and highly-experienced in all aspects of the day-to-day production process, has worked on a countless productions, and meets the highest level of performance.
- Adept in establishing and cultivating successful, long-term client and industry relationships, and is firmly committed to seeing each and every production to its maximum potential.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Film, TV Production
- Project Direction
- Team Leadership
- Content Creation
- Script Writing
- Technology Deployment
- Project Development
- Stakeholder Presentations
- Quality Assurance
- Talent Recruitment
- Instructional Work
- Budget Planning

SELECTED CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Co-Executive Producer of Meltdown, Three Mile Island, Emmy-nominated four-part series for Netflix.
- Co-Executive Producer of Remastered, Emmy-winning series of eight music documentary films for Netflix.
- Wrote, Produced, Directed Harmony: A New Way of Looking at Our World, featuring Prince (King) Charles.
- Professor of Journalism at USC Annenberg School of Communication.
- Taught Media at Lagos University in Nigeria, invited by Harvard University and Clinton Global Initiative.
- Executive Producer of *The Garden*, Academy Award nominee.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BALCONY FILMS, INC.,, Greater Los Angeles, California

President (1999-Present)

Directly responsible for managing day to day company operations, business development, project management, staff training and development, contract administration, writing business strategies and proposals, budget planning and administration, production schedule coordination, talent acquisition, strategic partnership development, producing and delivering content, presenting ideas to potential financiers, conceiving and producing events, release strategy development, and handing a wide variety of special projects.

Selected Accomplishments and Initiatives:

- Launched company from its inception, taking it to market viability and productivity.
- Conceives, develops, writes, produces, directs, and executes media projects, social campaigns, and events.
- Oversees budgets and production schedules, seeing projects to successful completion.
- Recruits, trains, supervises, and mentors staff, seeing all individuals to peak potential.
- Has cultivated relationships with actors, agents, directors, producers, and other key personnel.

- Operation has produced media across multiple platforms, meeting highest production standards.
- Has developed new media and new technology strategies, which have been integral to project success.
- Leverages partnerships with political figures, entertainment partners, networks, and sponsors.
- Presents proposals to potential financiers, funders, project partners, and collaborators.

NETFLIX, Los Angeles, California

Co-Executive Producer (2017-2023)

Served as Co-Executive Producer of *Remastered*, a series of eight documentary films, produced and directed by a group of acclaimed filmmakers; investigated stories of music and politics from the United States, Latin America, South Africa, and Northern Ireland. Series met with consistent acclaim. Nominated for five Emmy Awards and winner of one. Personally directed one film in the series.

<u>UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (Annenberg School of Communication)</u>, Los Angeles, California *Journalism Professor* (2015-Present)

Responsible for classroom instruction, curriculum development, lesson planning, student testing and evaluation, academic compliance, preparing maintaining classroom and student records, and all aspects of student relations, establishing a productive learning environment for a large and diverse student population.

KEY PROJECTS AND PRODUCTIONS

- Wrote story for Sony, Pictures' *The Vow*, starring Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams.
- Wrote screenplay for Pictures At 11, based on the award-winning non-fiction book of the same name.
- Producer of Beyond JFK, a documentary about the Kennedy assassination, and wrote, produced, and directed
 The Power of Peace, a documentary series focusing on the work of Nobel Peace Prize winners, and hosted by
 music and civil rights icon Harry Belafonte.
- Producer for *Years of Living Dangerously*, an Emmy Award-winning documentary series about global climate change for Showtime; executive produced by James Cameron and Arnold Schwarzenegger.
- Director/Executive Producer of *Prisoner of Paradise*, nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary
 Feature and Director's Guild of America Award. Wnner of the Grierson Award for Best Documentary.
- Producer/Director of The Forgiveness Project, an ongoing documentary project which collects stories of forgiveness and reconciliation from around the globe.
- Senior Producer, *South Africa Now*, an Emmy Award and Polk Award-winning PBS newsmagazine. Conducted first exclusive interview with Nelson Mandela, following his release from prison.
- Senior Producer of Mandela Free at Last, a nationally-broadcast PBS documentary.
- Writer/Producer/Director of Traveling Hopefully, a Brief History of the ACLU.
- Producer/Director of Four Conversions with Conservatives About One Thing, a series of interviews with leading conservative voices in politics.

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, New York

Masters Degree in Journalism.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ, Santa Cruz, California

Bachelor of Arts in Politics.

SOCIAL MEDIA, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGNS AND NEW TECHNOLOGY

- Producer/Director for Creative Team, PTCH (an iPhone Application).
- Writer/Director/Producer, Women's Voices/Women Vote.
- Director/Producer, Music Video, Public Service Announcements, L.O.V.E. (Let One Voice Emerge).
- Producer/Director, Public Service Campaign, November 2 Campaign.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Board of Directors, Stand.earth
- Member, Board of Directors, Foodcycle LA
- Board of Advisors, Dominican Republic Environmental Film Festival