

WILL ALLEN

DIRECTOR | EDITOR - WilliamAllen405@gmail.com

FILM EXPERIENCE (selected list)

HOLY HELL (director | editor)

Documentary Feature Film | 2016 | CNN FILMS | producer Ali Johnes | EP Jared Leto
"Holy Hell," the 2016 documentary directed by Will Allen, and Executive produced by Jared Leto, offers a riveting and unsettling glimpse into a mysterious spiritual group, enhanced by Allen's perspective as a member for over two decades. [HolyHell.trailer](#)

BALLROOM (editor)

Narrative Feature Film | 2024 | ACE ENTERTAINMENT | director Laurence Walsh.
Ballroom is an inclusive dance film; After a dancer becomes a paraplegic she slowly recovers her love of life and romance through Ballroom dancing in a wheelchair. [Ballroom.trailer](#)

THE KINDNESS WITHIN (executive producer | co-editor)

Documentary Feature Film | 2024 | WINSTON ENTERTAINMENT | editor Michael Courtney.
The answers we seek, are closer than you think. Leon Logothetis, of The Kindness Diaries, suffers a mid-life crisis and goes to India searching for understanding, healing and reconnection. [TheKindnessWithin.trailer](#)

NIPPLES TO THE SKY (producer | editor)

Documentary Feature Film | in post production | SPRING FILMS | director Lucy Hayes
Nipples to the Sky is the story of Gillian Lynne, the unsung choreographer behind CATS and Phantom of the Opera and how, at 92 years old, is fighting to be remembered for her visionary work. Director Lucy Hayes [NipplesToTheSky.trailer](#)

DOCUMENTARY SHORTS (selected list)

I'LL MISS YOU LATER (editor | writer)

Documentary Short Film | 2023 | CAMINO PRODUCTIONS | director Annie O'Neil
17 min documentary about a New York writer and poet **Jim Taylor**, who survived three pandemics: Polio. Aids. Covid, using the last pandemic to mourn his many friends who passed in the 80's from AIDS which he never mourned - with the imagery of **artist Joey Terrill**. [I'llMissYouLater_segment](#)

HANNA'S RIGHT TO TRY (editor | director)

Documentary Short Film | 2022 | FIELD TO HEALED | director Will Allen
Mother and Daughter medical team fight years of corruption within the FDA and the DEA trying to research the positive effects of cannabis and psilocybin for veterans with PTSD and to those dealing with end of life illnesses. [HannasRightToTry_segment](#)

TV EXPERIENCE (selected list)

JUNGLETOWN (editor)

Documentary TV Series | 2017 | VICELAND | director Ondi Timoner.

American entrepreneur and hundreds of young people are building the "world's most sustainable modern town" in the depths of the Panamanian jungle. Directed by Ondi Timoner [Jungletown](#)

LEAH REMINI: SCIENTOLOGY & THE AFTERMATH (editor)

Documentary TV Series | 2018 | A&E | Season 2 *Winner **Primetime Emmy**

- Outstanding Series or Special. "Scientology and the Aftermath" follows Leah Remini, and former high-ranking Scientology employees and Church members, as they delve deep into shocking stories of abuse. [ScientologySeason 2 trailer](#)

EDUCATION

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY (SMU); DALLAS, TEXAS — BA FILM & TELEVISION
EDITS ON — AVID | PREMIERE | FCL

EXPERTISE

My strength lies in telling personal, complex narratives in an emotionally compelling way. A background in both directing and editing lends a unique storytelling sensibility to my post-production work. My editing is fast and bold, yet rooted in the fundamentals.

ARTICLES

[AUSTIN CHRONICLE](#) - by Sean Malin.

[ROLLING STONE](#) - by Jason Newman

[LA TIMES](#) - by Kenneth Turan

[SUNDANCE FILM Premiere 2016](#)

[NEW YORK TIMES](#) - by Ken Jaworowski

[HOLY HELL premiered on CNN at #1](#)

PRESS

Will Allen's feature-length documentary for **CNN Films**, HOLY HELL, premiered at 2016 **Sundance Film Festival** & 2 **Critic's Choice Award Nominations**. [The New York Times](#) called HOLY HELL, "An engrossing and tense documentary!" **Rolling Stone**, **BBC**, **NY Observer** and others also heaped on praise. [Los Angeles Times](#): "Compelling and Suspenseful." [The Village Voice](#): "Will Allen's sunny gut-punch cult exposé plays like a thriller... but Allen never cheats in the interest of suspense."

REFERRALS

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