

LAURA PLOTKIN

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WRITER PRODUCER DIRECTOR

Award-winning writer, producer, director, and with expertise in documentary, narrative, and education. Proficient in driving the production process to achieve high-quality content for global distribution. Dynamic communicator with the ability to manage cast, crew, and content delivery while simultaneously performing in a rapidly changing environment. Insightful and authentic, creative professional with a proven track record of working collaboratively to meet demanding deadlines and achieve production goals.

*Documentary | Television | Post-Production | Scriptwriting | Short & Feature Films
Workshop Facilitation | Budget Management | Narrative Storytelling
Directing | Producing | Casting | Cast & Crew Management*

EXPERIENCE | ACHIEVEMENTS

LOLA FILMS | San Francisco, CA 2000 – Present

Writer, Director & Producer

- Write, direct and produce documentary, television, and film projects including *The Green Dress*, *Iskra (Spark)*, *Gulabi Gang*, and *Red Rain*
- Collaborate with Oscar-winning directors/executive producers *Errol Morris*, *Steve James*, and *Oscar-nominated Piraya Films* to create content for global distribution
- Manage production budgets up to \$1M and 30+ cast/crew including directors, producers, actors, and editors
- Submit films and achieve selection for 100+ film festivals including *Tribeca*, *Sao Paulo International*, *UN Human Rights*, *HBO Frame by Frame*, and *Toronto International Film*

FREELANCE 2006 – 2016

Lecturer & Instructor

- Created and delivered filmmaking classes/workshops to students at leading universities including the *University of California, Berkeley*, *Yale University*, and *San Francisco State University*

REAL PEOPLE CASTING | San Francisco, CA 1993 – 2000

Owner & Casting Director

- Cast non-actors for national commercials for clients including *Skechers*, *Levi's*, *Wells Fargo*, *Bank of America*, *Blue Cross*, *Nike*, *Footlocker*, *Birkenstock*, *Kaiser Permanente*, *Sega*, and *Charles Schwab*

MEMBERSHIPS | AFFILIATIONS

Juror | *Feature Documentary* | International Documentary Association

Juror | *Continuing Television Series* | International Documentary Awards

Member | Film Fatales

Member | Society for Cinema & New Media

Member | Women Film & Television

Member | College Art Association

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts | *Cinema Film Production* | California College of the Arts

Bachelor of Arts | *Cinema Film Production* | San Francisco State University