

FILM

8: The Mormon Proposition

Executive Producer, Producer, Director, Writer

The evidence in this documentary was influential in the federal case against California's anti-gay Proposition 8 and had the high honor of premiering at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival. "8TMP" is the story of the Mormon Church's involvement and influence in a California Ballot measure that stripped away the rights of gay citizens seeking the protections of marriage and documents the Mormon Church's history relative to anti-gay political measures in multiple US states. "8TMP" was the only film to sell out completely during its 2010 Sundance run and the only film to get the rare "added screening" the year of its worldwide premiere. "8TMP" screened at high-profile festivals all over the world, winning many awards, and was purchased by national and international distributors and has been seen by millions all over the world on television, on the internet, and of course in a 19-theatre run on the silver screen. GLAAD awarded "8TMP" BEST DOCUMENTARY at its 2010 awards ceremony in San Francisco, California with Oscar Winner Dustin Lance Black accepting for Reed Cowan that night.

The Other Side of the Lens

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This film chronicles the loss of my 4-year old son Wesley to a tragic back yard swing set accident and my struggle to survive the emotional toll the loss took on every facet of my life. The story is about how I turned pain to purpose through building schools in Kenya. Not only did I create the film, I also singlehandedly marketed the film using mailers, on-line blasts and video EPK kits for viewers and buyers.

ASCAP/BMI SONG WRITING

Songwriter, THE POWER IN YOU, recorded by Collin Raye

Co-Creator, POWER IN YOU YOUTH POWER TOUR

Accomplishments: Under the direction of an elite board of business and political luminaries led by Jon & Mary Kaye Huntsman, I co-created and produced a month-long motivational speaker tour for high school youth. In addition to acting as the organizer and chief fundraiser for the organization, I also took the helm as spokesperson and main stage speaker addressing issues of youth suicide, bullying and LGBTQ abuse among teens.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Accomplishments: Award-winning motivational and inspirational speaker, sharing the stage with Nobel Peace Prize nominees, heads of government and celebrities. TED TALK speaker. Keynote speaker for such events as the National Youth Crime Prevention Conference and the Educators Association yearly Summit. Member, National Speakers Association.

ANTI-BULLYING LEGISLATION

Accomplishments: Author of Utah's first landmark anti-bullying, harassment and intimidation legislation passed in Utah in 2005. Continued speaking, consulting and counseling nationwide on the problems of bullying, harassment and intimidation in school.

CHILD SAFETY ADVOCATE

Accomplishments: After the death of my son, Wesley, on a swing set featuring the popular MBOS (monkey bar over swings) design, I found that the Consumer Products Safety Commission had records of numerous severe incidents injuring children, but had done nothing about it. I became active with the ASTM (American Safety Standards) to lobby that the design be written out of the ASTM standard for safety. As a result, the design that killed my son and injured so many others was banned from the ASTM standard and manufacturers in big-box toy stores and vendors large and small ceased production and distribution of the swing set.

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Edward R. Murrow Recipient, 33 EMMY wins, 31 EMMY nominations, GLAAD Award for Best Film, Broadcaster Hall of Fame Inductee, Multiple Society of Professional Journalists Awards spanning two and a half decades in broadcasting

EDWARD R. MURROW AWARD, ONE OCTOBER MASS SHOOTING

EMMY Breaking news, ONE OCTOBER MASSACRE

EMMY Anchor, ONE OCTOBER MASSACRE

EMMY Live Reporting, MIDGE FLY INVASION

EMMY Team Coverage, ST. GEORGE FLOODING

EMMY Breaking News coverage, PAPER PLANT FIRE

EMMY Team Coverage, ELIZABETH SMART KIDNAPPING

EMMY Team Coverage, LORI HACKING MURDER CASE

EMMY Reporting, EMO CULTURE

EMMY Editing, EMO CULTURE

EMMY Anchor, REED COWAN

EMMY Reporter, REED COWAN

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS, continued

EMMY Reporter, HOPE FOR HAITI
EMMY Writing, HOPE FOR HAITI
EMMY Human-Interest, IN WESLEY'S HONOR
EMMY Investigative Reporter, CHEMICAL KILLERS
EMMY Arts & entertainment reporter, BURLESQUE STAR
EMMY Education Reporter, CROSSING ZONE CRISIS
EMMY Host, CROSSING ZONE CRISIS
EMMY On-Camera Talent, REED COWAN
EMMY Anchor, REED ABPLANALP-COWAN
EMMY Reporter, REED ABPLANALP-COWAN
EMMY Crime Reporter, BETTING ON BLOOD
EMMY Political Reporter, BIG MINING, LITTLE TAXES
EMMY Newscast, Large Market, FIRE ON THE FOURTH
EMMY General Assignment Report, ZIP-LINE
EMMY Breaking News Anchor, COSMO FIRE
EMMY Writing, 2016 RIO OLYMPICS WITH NBC
EMMY, On Camera Talent, REED COWAN PYEONGCHANG OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES
EMMY Religion, 2018 OLYMPICS, ITS ABOUT THE REACH
EMMY, News Special, ONE OCTOBER, ONE YEAR LATER
EMMY, Reporter, 2019
EMMY, Anchor, 2020
EMMY, newscast, 2020
California Golden Mike, Investigative Reporter, TRUCK STOP PROSTITUTION
Multiple Society of Professional Journalists Awards
GLAAD MEDIA AWARD – Best Documentary Film 2010
Best Documentary 2009 Mexico International Film Festival
Best Documentary Heart of England Film Festival
Best Documentary Singapore Film Festival
Best Documentary Swansea Bay Film Festival
Social Justice Award nominee for documentary film, Santa Barbara Film Festival
Best Documentary award Atlanta Film Festival
Best Documentary, DORIAN AWARD, Film Critics of America
Nevada Broadcasters Hall of Fame Inductee, REED COWAN, 2019
Nevada Broadcasters Association 2012 EMA, Best Newscast
Nevada Broadcasters Association 2014 EMA, Best Reporter

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS, continued

Nevada Broadcasters Association 2014 EMA, Best Investigative Reporter
Nevada Broadcasters Association 2014 EMA, Best Anchor
Nevada Broadcasters Association 2014 EMA, Best Breaking News Report
Nevada Broadcasters Association 2014 EMA, Best Spot News Report
EMMY nomination, Reporter, 2020
EMMY nomination, news special, 2020
EMMY nomination, Anchor, 2019
EMMY nomination, Writer, 2019
EMMY nomination, Human Interest, WEDNESDAY'S CHILD
EMMY nomination, Human Interest, A WIN FOR MOM
EMMY nomination, Politics/Government 2018 OLYMPICS, POLITICS & THE
PYEONGCHANG OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES
EMMY nomination, Writer, News, REED COWAN PENS PYEONGCHANG
EMMY nomination, 11 PM news, ONE OCTOBER MASSACRE
EMMY nomination, Overall excellence, ONE OCTOBER MASSACRE
EMMY nomination, Team Coverage, ONE OCTOBER MASSACRE
EMMY nomination, Promotion, #Vegas Strong
EMMY nomination, Promotion, Harry Connick Jr. Surprises Reed
EMMY nomination, Team Coverage, EMERALD SUITES SHOOTING
EMMY nomination, Team Coverage, ROAD RAGE ARREST
EMMY nomination, Breaking News CAJON PASS
EMMY nomination, Crime Reporting CYBER KIDNAPPING
EMMY nomination, Anchor, 2015
EMMY nomination, Anchor, 2014
EMMY nomination, Reporter, 2014
EMMY nomination, Investigative Report, METRO POLICE CHOPPER JOYRIDES
EMMY nomination, Special Events Coverage, AMERICA'S PARTY 2013
EMMY nomination, for Environmental Reporting, COAL PLANT CLASH
EMMY nomination, Reporter, MIRACLE ON THE FIVE O'CLOCK NEWS
EMMY nomination, Feature Reporting, THE OPPOSING TEAM
EMMY nomination, Societal Problems Reporting, PEDOPHILES ON LINE
EMMY nomination, Reporter, REED COWAN REPORTS
EMMY nomination, Writing, EMO CULTURE
EMMY nomination, Photojournalist, NBC 2016 RIO OLYMPICS

EDUCATION

Candidate - Master of Liberal Arts, Harvard University. Creative Writing and Literature. Graduation date anticipated May, 2023

Bachelor of Science - Journalism and Communication, Utah State University, Logan, UT

Yoga Instructor - Johnny Kest Center for Yoga in alliance with Lifetime Fitness YTT program, YA 250 hour certification

Meditation Teacher - Sarah Mclean McLean Meditation lead teacher, 90 hour certification
