

# NORMAN C. BERNS

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## Producer – Director

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### selected documentaries & television:

- "THE WRITING CODE"** Multi-part, federally funded series on the history and nature of writing.  
Ways of Knowing; Gene Searchinger, Executive Producer. Norman C. Berns, producer-director.
- "THE HUMAN LANGUAGE"** Three-part PBS series. Supervising-Producer.  
NEH, CPB, NSF Funded Series on Origins of Language. Equinox Films, Gene Searchinger producer-director
- "YOUNG WONDERS"** (*Winner: Cine Golden Eagle*) Documentary. Producer-Director  
Live from the Met Intermission Feature. Equinox Films; Gene Searchinger, director.
- "LA BOHEME"** (*Winner: Emmy*) Documentary. Producer.  
Live from the Met Intermission Feature. Equinox Films; Gene Searchinger, director.
- "SONG and DANCE"** Documentary. Producer/Director.  
Live from the Met Intermission Feature; Equinox Films; Gene Searchinger, producer.
- "LA TRAVIATA"** Documentary. Producer.  
Live from the Met Intermission Feature; Equinox Films; Gene Searchinger, director.
- "LULU"** Documentary. Producer.  
Live from the Met Intermission Feature; Equinox Films; Gene Searchinger, director.
- "WISH YOU WERE HERE"** 6 Episodes – CBS-Viacom Series. Production Supervisor.  
Robert Altman, Kathie Berlin, Marlo Thomas, executive producers. NY Studio, Budapest, Spain, Morocco, France.
- "THE STREET"** 30 Episodes – Universal for WOR-TV. Line Producer /UPM.  
Robert Altman, producer. Studio and location in New York and New Jersey.
- MOBIL OIL** Documentaries and Commercials. Producer/Director/Writer.  
18 productions over three years. Gene Searchinger, producer.

### feature films:

- "TIGER WARSAW"** Feature. Line Producer.  
Patrick Swayze, Piper Laurie, Lee Richardson & Mary McDonald. On location in Western Pennsylvania.
- "THE CHAIR"** Feature. Line Producer.  
James Coco, Trini Alverado. Angelika Films. Tony Jones, producer. Studio and location in New Jersey.
- "MY DINNER WITH ANDRE"** Feature. 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director.  
Andre Gregory and Wallace Shawn. Louis Malle, director.
- "THE EXTERMINATOR"** Feature. 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director.  
Christopher George, Samantha Eggar. Jim Glickenhaus, producer/director.
- "SCALPEL"** 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director.  
Robert Lansing. John Grissmer, producer/director. On location in Georgia
- "THE PREMONITION"** Feature. 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director.  
Sharon Farrell, Jeff Corey. Robert Allen Schnitzer, producer/director. On location in Mississippi

### additional documentaries, commercials & industrials:

- FALLON – MINNEAPOLIS** Sr. Interactive Broadcast Producer  
Commercial Production, Interactive Advertising Strategist, Creation of New-Media Department.  
Development of **BMW's ground-breaking, internet-only short films.**
- EQUINOX FILMS** Staff Producer  
Documentaries & Commercials. Gene Searchinger, Director.  
"Live from the Met," Metropolitan Museum, Yale University, American Cancer Society, and the DOE.
- TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES** Assistant Director  
Documentary. David Saperstein, Producer-Director. "Coming Out of Their Shells" Tour

### other background:

Sr. Creative Director for **Set Management, Inc**, overseeing all aspects of their film budgeting program, ProductionPro Budget, currently a top-selling indie budgeting program. [www.setmanagement.com](http://www.setmanagement.com)

Founder and moderator of the only professional **Film Budgeting Group** on Yahoo. Currently 2500 active members. (<http://movies.groups.yahoo.com/group/FilmBudgeting/>)

Creator of **Producers & Directors**, a comprehensive online community, home to filmmakers from over 60 countries and more than 600 cities. (<http://www.producersanddirectors.com>)

Computer consultant, still photographer, writer, bicyclist. Online columnist for WebZine Weekly and Tripod; in print for the Director's Guild and BTL (Below The Line) News. Software beta tester, financial consultant and grant advisor to Equinox Films, the Apollo Theatre, Scholastic Productions and others. Member: DGA; AEA (stage manager) and SAG.

Consultant – **Roy W. Dean Film & Video Grants** (From the Heart Productions).

Board of Advisors – **People With Disabilities Broadcasting Corp.**

Advisory Committee – **Legacy Pictures**, Christopher Harmon. <http://legacypictures.biz>