

2019 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee

T O D D M I L L E R

GRADUATED: 1995

RESIDES: NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Todd Miller is a film director, producer and editor from Gahanna, Ohio. Miller graduated from Gahanna Lincoln High School in 1995 and went to film school at Eastern Michigan.

While at Eastern Michigan Miller wrote and directed his first documentary, *Gahanna Bill*. The film *Gahanna Bill* chronicles the life of Bill Withrow and his unique relationship over the years with the town, its residents, and Gahanna Lincoln High School.

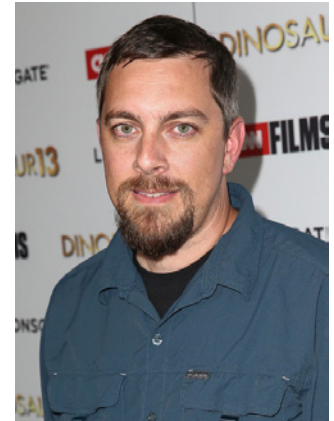
"The fact that Todd chose *Gahanna Bill* as his first feature-length film should tell you a lot about him- he likes to build people up, bring them together, and inspire them" said musical composer and friend Matt Morton.

After graduation from Eastern Michigan, Miller moved to New York City and began to make many short films. In 2010 Miller, along with Matt Morton produced fundraising films for the Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation. The videos are used during annual fundraising campaigns to support children whose parents have died in the military.

Miller also started his own independent film production company, Statement Pictures, which is based out of NYC.

In 2014 Miller got his first "big break" when he made "Dinosaur 13" and got to premiere it on the opening night of the Sundance Film Festival. After the premiere, the distribution rights were sold to Lionsgate for theatrical and CCN Films for TV. The film won an Emmy for Outstanding Science and Technology Programming in 2015.

After *Dinosaur 13*, Miller began the short documentary about the last manned mission to the Moon's surface during the Apollo 17 Mission; "The Last Steps". This film served as a blueprint for the critically acclaimed *Apollo 11* which Miller directed, produced and edited. The movie was released on March 1, 2019. The film focuses on the 1969 Apollo 11 mission, which was the first space flight to land humans on the Moon. The film consists solely of archival footage, that was previously unreleased to the public, and does not feature narration or interviews.



"This documentary has the ability to freshly surprise us with 50-year old footage, turning us back into kids staring in wonder, wide-eyed, as we watched a rocket take off for the very first time", Monica Castillo, NPR.

Todd Miller resides in NYC with his wife and children.