

Sam Griffith grew up in Winston-Salem, NC, and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a film degree in 2007. After graduation, he moved to California and is now pursuing his own directing projects. He currently lives with his wife, a screenwriter, in the Eagle Rock neighborhood of LA and his favorite cereal is Honey Bunches of Oats.

Sam's directing credits include the short film I HAVE IT, which stars Larisa Oleynik (THE SECRET WORLD OF ALEX MACK, 10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU) and Devon Gummersall (MY SO-CALLED LIFE). That film was an official selection at festivals including the Rhode Island International Film Festival 2009 and the San Francisco International Festival of Short Films 2009. He also helmed the music video TIL MY VOICE IS GONE, which stars Ed Asner (MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW, UP) and Eileen Ryan (ALL THE KING'S MEN, MAGNOLIA). That video won the Fashion/Music Category at the LG Life's Good FilmFest 2009 and was an official selection at many other festivals including the Heart of Gold International Film Festival 2010.

Sam also directed a music video commissioned for a re-released version of the classic Carly Simon song YOU'RE SO VAIN that starred Ethan Embry (CAN'T HARDLY WAIT, EMPIRE RECORDS) and Katie Lowes (ABC's SCANDAL). He also directed a viral video sponsored by Levi's entitled GUY WALKS ACROSS AMERICA that garnered over one million views in its first week online. A combination of time-lapse and stop-motion animation, it was filmed over the course of 14 days traveling cross-country in an RV with a small crew. The video has been featured on CNN, yahoo.com, usatoday.com, abcnews.com, time.com and gizmodo.com among many others.

Other projects Sam has directed are THE ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL PROJECT, a Sierra Club documentary web series starring Stana Katic and Seamus Dever from ABC's CASTLE and a national TV spot for Ukrainian wireless service provider Intertelecom that utilized the visual techniques of GUY WALKS ACROSS AMERICA.

Two recent short films Sam has directed have played at film festivals. The 12-minute one-shot short film TO THE HAPPY COUPLE, produced by Katie McNeill (THE PLACE BEYOND THE PINES, MISSISSIPPI GRIND), was an official selection at the Hollyshorts Film Festival 2012. A short film of vignettes inspired by the paintings of Edward Hopper entitled ROOM IN LA featured Danièle Watts (DJANGO UNCHAINED) and played at the 2013 Shnit International Short Film Festival in Switzerland. His latest short film THE YELLOW VALLEY, starring Jenni Melear (NEW GIRL) and Karim Saleh (IRON MAN 2, MUNICH), recently premiered on FilmShortage.com.

Sam also recently directed a handmade stop-motion music video for YES GIRL by Hollywood Records artist Bea Miller that has nearly 500k views: <http://vevo.ly/QN9Otg>

Currently, Sam is developing a feature set in his home state of North Carolina.

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