

FILMMAKERS

**KY DICKENS, DIRECTOR | PRODUCER**

Award winning filmmaker Ky Dickens is best known for her highly acclaimed documentary work, her emotionally compelling commercial reel and her endless list of questions.

Ky directed the highly-acclaimed documentary *SOLE SURVIVOR*, which profiles four survivors of otherwise fatal plane crashes. *Sole Survivor* was acquired by CNN Films for broadcast and theatrical release. It premiered on the network in January, 2014 and was named the "Best Feature Film" at the 2013 BMA Awards. It is currently available on Amazon Prime and iTunes.

Ky's 2009 feature documentary, *FISH OUT OF WATER*, won four juror prizes and secured international distribution by Netflix & First Run Features. The film has been hailed as a "tool for reconciliation between the church and LGBTQ community." It was translated into Spanish, Russian, Italian and French Creole and has screened at over 500 churches and universities. The film was inducted into the United States Library of Congress in 2011 for its instrumental role in changing the national perspective on LGBTQ human rights.

Ky's other soon-to-be-released film, *THE CITY THAT SOLD AMERICA* (2018), is about Chicago's crucial, yet often-overlooked place in American consumer culture. The film is a sequel to Emmy-award winning *ART & COPY*.

In addition to her feature film work, Ky directs commercials for some of the biggest brands in America. Her clients include Tylenol, Sears, Hallmark, McDonald's, Koehler, Purina, Huggies, Ronald McDonald House Charities and Wrangler. Ky is featured on the highly competitive "Free The Bid" list of the top recommended female directors in America. She is represented by STORY.TV (based in LA and Chicago). Ky graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors from Vanderbilt University. She lives in Chicago with her wife and daughter.

**ALEXIS JAWORSKI, PRODUCER**

Alexis has worked for more than 15 years in arts and entertainment with a focus on audience development, communication strategy and media production for some of the country's most vital artistic organizations, including Steppenwolf Theatre Company and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago. She has also served as the Director of Marketing & Communications for The Joffrey Ballet and River North Dance Chicago.

Incorporating film production into her personal and professional interests since 2008, Alexis was Co-Producer on Ky Dickens' 2013 feature documentary *SOLE SURVIVOR*, and served as Associate Producer on the forthcoming film *THE CITY THAT SOLD AMERICA*.

Alexis received a B.A. in Psychology and Art History from University of Vermont and her M.A. in Media Studies from DePaul University. She also works as a producer and production coordinator for commercial and non-profit media projects, for clients including McDonald's, Grubhub, Greenheart International, Rotary International and Lambda Legal.