



Production Company Brief

Bitter Jester Creative (BJC) is a multifaceted documentary production company based in Highland Park, IL, that specializes in telling creative and compelling stories that educate and entertain audiences across the country.

Incorporated in 2001, BJC focuses on partnering with nonprofit organizations, for-profit companies, and individuals and families looking to utilize gripping documentary filmmaking to tell their unique stories. Productions are often used as fundraising and instructional tools on television, the Internet, and at festivals. Work produced by BJC has won dozens of awards and many of the company's short films have been featured at film festivals nationwide. A recent documentary about underage drinking was even incorporated into the official curriculum at Lake Forest High School and is now mandatory viewing for all junior high teachers in that district.

Other recent nonprofit-related projects include human interest short documentaries for the American Medical Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lake County, and various Chambers of Commerce. BJC's work for corporate clients includes productions for The U.S. Postal Service, Curad, AMLI and Ohio Art (makers of the Etch-A-Sketch). BJC is currently producing several feature-length documentaries on subjects ranging from a university being built in war-ravaged central Angola, to an abstract artist living and working in Asheville, North Carolina, to the NASA-sponsored Space Elevator Games featuring teams vying for \$4,000,000 in prize money.

BJC has a reputation for effective human-interest storytelling and interpersonal communication. These skills, together with a firm emphasis on production quality and a cinematic approach, allow Bitter Jester Creative to help companies raise money and awareness while simultaneously entertaining audiences and promoting good will toward their client's charitable and business goals.

"The sensitivity with which you ask your questions is disarming."

*-Julius Belzer, Reverend
Reba Place Church*

"You have been amazing to work with—kind and professional in every respect."

*-Melissa Forman, DJ / Host
93.9 WLIT-FM Chicago*

"We cannot applaud you enough, and this is a place accustomed to standing ovations."

*-Nick Pullia, Dir. of Communications
Ravinia Festival*

"You made me feel completely comfortable in front of the cameras."

*-Dr. Nancy Nielsen, President
American Medical Association*

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Recent Filmmaking & Production Awards

- Three 2010 Hermes Creative Awards
- Seven 2009 Telly Awards
- Two 2009 Communicator Awards
- Three 2009 Hermes Creative Awards
- One 2009 Davey Award
- Three 2008 Aurora Awards
- Two 2008 Telly Awards

