

# STEWART COPELAND

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## Biography

Stewart Copeland is a filmmaker and a graduate of Webster University in Saint Louis, Missouri. Stewart grew up in Tullahoma Tennessee and has been active in the arts from a young age. While at Webster University Stewart took interest in documentary work and has since produced four films that played nationally and internationally, including The Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, Atlanta International Film Festival, an extended tour with the Rural Route Film Festival and a national broadcasts on POV and The Documentary Channel.

Stewart's first two short documentaries were *Lego My Halo* (2004) and *In the Glow* (2006); both films went on to play national film festivals. *In the Glow* was acquired by Rural Route Films and toured nationally and internationally screening in over 50 theatres. Stewart's next film, *Jennifer*, premiered at the *Big Sky Documentary Film Festival* and won The Best Mini-Doc Award. It went on to play many film festivals winning the Tennessee Independent Spirit Award at the *Nashville International Film Festival*, Special Jury Award at *Indie Memphis* and was purchased for national broadcast by *POV*; television's longest-running showcase for independent non-fiction films. Stewart moved back to Tennessee in 2008 where he taught film-production through *PACT* in Middle Tennessee and guest lectured at Middle Tennessee State University and Arkansas State. Stewart's last film, *Let Your Feet Do The Talkin'*, a half-hour documentary, premiered in February of 2010, was bought for broadcast by *The Documentary Channel*, and was released on DVD by the Grammy Award winning label *Dust-to-Digital*. Stewart is the recipient of the 2011 Individual Artist Fellowship from the *Tennessee Arts Commission* and sits on the Board of Directors at the *Tullahoma Fine Arts Center*. Stewart's new film, *Rocketman*, is currently in pre-production with the Memphis based *Paper Moon Films*, and his new documentary short, *Mr. Smith's Peach Seeds*, is scheduled to be released early 2012.

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## WRITER/DIRECTOR CREDITS

*Rocketman* – (Documentary 75min, HDV in production)  
*Let Your Feet Do The Talking* – (Documentary 30min, HDV 2010)  
*Jennifer* – (Documentary 5min, DV 2008)  
*All The Young Dudes* – (7 Webisodes 5-15min, DV 2008)  
*In The Glow* – (Documentary 8min, DV 2006)  
*Trees of North America* – (Narrative 5min, Super 16mm 2005)  
*Lego My Halo* – (Documentary 2min, 16mm 2004)

## EDUCATION

2003-2008 Webster University:  
Major: Film Production  
Minor: Philosophy

## AWARDS

Individual Artist Fellowship (TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION) - 2011  
ITVS Live Pitch (BIG SKY DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL) *Rocketman* – 2011  
Best Short Documentary (INDIE MEMPHIS) *Let Your Feet Do The Talkin'* - 2010  
Special Jury Award (INDIE MEMPHIS) *Jennifer* – 2009

Tennessee Independent Spirit Award (NASHVILLE FILM FESTIVAL) *Jennifer* – 2009  
Best Mini-Doc (BIG SKY DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL) *Jennifer* - 2009  
Kodak Student Grant (WEBSTER UNIVERSITY) *Jennifer* - 2008

## SCREENINGS

Rooftop Film Series (NEW YORK) *Let Your Feet Do The Talkin'* - 2010  
Saint Louis International Film Festival (SAINT LOUIS) *Let Your Feet Do The Talkin'* - 2010  
Nashville International Film Festival (TENNESSEE) *Let Your Feet Do The Talkin'* - 2010  
Big Sky Documentary Film Festival (MONTANA) *Let Your Feet Do The Talkin'* - 2010  
Brighton Film Festival (UK) *Jennifer* - 2009  
Saint Louis International Film Festival (SAINT LOUIS) *Jennifer* – 2009  
Indie Memphis (MEMPHIS) *Jennifer* - 2009  
San Francisco Documentary Film Festival (SAN FRANCISCO) *Jennifer* - 2009  
POV Television Premiere (PBS) *Jennifer* - 2009  
Nashville International Film Festival (TENNESSEE) *Jennifer* - 2009  
Atlanta International Film Festival (GEORGIA) *Jennifer* - 2009  
Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival (CALIFORNIA) *Jennifer* - 2009  
Big Sky Film Festival (MONTANA) *In the Glow* - 2006  
Southern Winds Film Festival (OKLAHOMA) *In the Glow* – 2006  
Gene Siskel Film Center (CHICAGO) *In the Glow* - 2006  
Rooftop Films (BROOKLYN) *In the Glow* - 2006  
Metro Cinema (ALBERTA) *In the Glow* – 2006  
Grand Illusion Cinema (SEATTLE) *In the Glow* - 2006  
Godfrey Dean Art Gallery (SASKATCHEWAN) *In the Glow* - 2006  
Red Vic Movie House (SAN FRANCISCO) *In the Glow* - 2006  
Westfest (TEXAS) *In the Glow* - 2006  
LASCAUX Micro-Theatre (WEST VIRGINIA) *In the Glow* - 2006  
Silco Theater (NEW MEXICO) *In the Glow* - 2006  
Martha's Vineyard Independent Film Festival (MASSACHUSETTS) *In the Glow* - 2006  
Earth House Film Festival (INDIANAPOLIS) *In the Glow* - 2006  
Big Muddy Film Festival (ILLINOIS) *Lego My Halo* - 2005

## REFERENCES

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