

About Hammad Zaidi

- Hammad Zaidi is a disabled filmmaker who is the founder of The Lonely Seal Company Group, which includes Lonely Seal Releasing, and The Lonely Seal International Film, Screenplay, and Music Festival. He is also a partner in multiple technology entities.
- Hammad has served as a World Cinema Screener, Judge, Panelist, Filmmaker Advisor, Program Curator, and Advisory Board Member for film festivals. These include Sundance, Slamdance, and SXSU, as well as many others domestically and internationally.
- Zaidi created "Script Accessible," a screenwriting contest showcasing disabilities. Initially housed at Slamdance, Our 2010 winner, "All The Wrong Reasons," was produced and won at the 2013 Toronto International Film Festival. Hammad also created "Going Bionic," his weekly column where 256 of his articles were published on Film Threat from 2010-2015.
- He also wrote, directed, and produced "Champions Of Hope," a September 11th related National PSA that played theatrically on 5,001 screens on the first anniversary of 9/11, and "Baptized at Lucky Lube," a short that played 28 film festivals in six countries.
- Hammad Zaidi is a member of The Producers Guild of America and the Writers Guild of America. He earned his MFA from the UCLA Producers Program in 1994.



Hammad Zaidi with his wife and kids in Redondo Beach, CA.

“There’s a fine line between stupidity and genius, and the only genius I’ve ever been graced with is that I’m too stupid to give up on my childhood dreams.”

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