



**Bending  
River  
Films**

## **Mark Salloum Director/Producer**

Producer/Director Mark Salloum has been producing short films and video content for nearly three decades. In 1997, he formed Highway Media to fulfill his passion and has since become one of the most awarded studios in Metro Detroit, traveling to 15 states and five countries for their clients. In 2019, Mark released his first feature length documentary, ***Plymouth, Michigan – A Rich History***, which sold out 11 consecutive shows at the Penn Theatre.



By fate or chance, Mark and Keith met in 2024, to discuss their love for filmmaking and decided to collaborate their energy together. Their new studio, Bending River Films, will be the vehicle to produce documentary films which inspire, inform, and initiate their audiences like never before.

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## **Keith Famie Director/Producer/Author**

Director/Producer Keith Famie was, for many years, known as a celebrity chef and a Metro Detroit restaurateur. Famie was also a finalist on the 2001 reality television series, "Survivor, the Australian Outback." Keith hosted his own Food Network series, "Keith Famie's Adventures," traveling the world documenting different cooking styles.

In 2004, Famie embarked on a new journey - documentary filmmaking. "I didn't want to be the 'Adventure Chef' guy anymore. I wanted to help people tell their stories."

Since that life-changing decision, Famie & his company, Visionalist Entertainment Productions, has been awarded twenty-three Michigan Emmys and been nominated several other times for his rich, human-interest storytelling, from a day in the life of children with Down syndrome to stories about Alzheimer's, cancer, healthy aging as well as Detroit's rich history told through documentaries such as ***Detroit: The City of Churches***, ***Detroit: The City of Chefs*** and ***Detroit: The City of Hot Rods & Muscle Cars***.