



Kelly Nyks

Kelly Nyks is a critically acclaimed writer and director of feature documentary films. Directing credits include *SPLIT: A Divided America*, *The Fight for Our Lives*, *Requiem for the American Dream* and *One Shot*. A winner of best film and audience favorite awards at festivals nationwide, Kelly has spoken at universities across the country and around the world. A sought out commentator on contemporary politics, domestic television appearances include CNN, CBS, ABC, MTV, PRESSTV, INDIEexpress, and Public Television. International appearances include NOS, Het Gesprek and VPRO (The Netherlands), TV3 and TeleMadrid (Spain) and PTS (Taiwan) internationally.

His award winning film *SPLIT: A Divided America* takes an unflinching look at the partisanship paralyzing our politics by weaving candid conversations with citizens from all walks of life and commentary from some of the sharpest minds analyzing government and society today including Robert Putnam, Norm Ornstein, Thomas Frank, Bruce Bartlett, Tucker Carlson, Senator Evan Bayh (D), Senator Chuck Hagel (R), Noam Chomsky, Nicholas Kristof, among others.

An audience favorite, *SPLIT* has garnered widespread critical acclaim and won awards at festivals nationwide including the Connecticut Film Festival, First Take Film Festival, Riverside Film Festival, IMDB Awards, Moving Pictures Awards and Hulu Awards, among others. It has screened at universities across the country including Skidmore, SMU, Northern Kentucky University, Ringling University, Union College and Johnson College. *SPLIT* will cornerstone a Student Voter Education & Mobilization initiative in partnership with the National Council for the Social Studies, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Rock The Vote.

Internationally, *SPLIT* has screened through the US State Department Public Diplomacy Speakers and the John Adams Institute, The JFK Institute, The American Institute and the Studium Generale in cities around the world including Beijing, Berlin, Madrid, Istanbul, Amsterdam, Taipei, Ankara, Barcelona, Munich, Paris and Valencia, among others. International Programming in 2012 & 2013 will include Germany, France and Tunisia.