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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENT

RAYMOND MANSFIELD

Kingwood High School, Class of 1996



Raymond (Ray) Mansfield is a veteran producer and a founding partner of QC Entertainment – standing for Quality Control. Mansfield's passion for storytelling has led him to a 20+ year career dedicated to shepherding a diverse array of filmmaker-driven films. He has been integrally involved in all aspects of film production, from financing to development, packaging, on-set production, sales and distribution.

Upon graduation from Kingwood High School in 1996, Ray continued his education at The University of Texas at Austin where he graduated with a degree in Radio-Television-Film in 2000. Over the course of his career, he has been nominated for an Academy Award, Golden Globe Award, BAFTA Award, the Producers Guild of America's Darryl F. Zanuck Award for Outstanding Producer of Theatrical Motion Pictures, and has twice received the AFI Award for Movie of the Year. His work has premiered and received awards at the world's leading film festivals including Cannes, Toronto, Sundance, Berlin and SXSW.

QC Entertainment has become a go-to company for producing and financing distinct director-driven films and television. QC are the Academy Award nominated producers behind two of the most impactful films in the past decade – ***Get Out*** and ***BlackKkKlansman***. Involved in every aspect from development to production to release, both films led to back-to-back Academy Award Best Picture nominations and Academy Award winning screenplays for the producers along with being critical and commercial successes.

Most recently, Ray is serving as Executive Producer on Richie Mehta's true crime television series ***Poacher***, which premiered at the 2023 Sundance Film Festival. QC fully financed and produced the 8-episode first season of the show which follows Indian Forest Service officers, NGO workers, police constables and good Samaritans who risk their lives investigating the largest ivory poaching ring in the history of India. Ray is also currently producing ***It Lives Inside***, a PG-13 film written and directed by Bishal Dutta, which premiered at the 2023 SXSW Film & TV Festival and won the Audience Award. ***It Lives Inside*** will be theatrically released by Neon later this year. Starring Megan Suri and Betty Gabriel, the story follows an Indian-American teenager struggling with her cultural identity.

Through his career, Ray has worked to produce movies that make a difference in the global community. His movies are well known for championing underrepresented voices and social justice both in the US and worldwide.

Ray often speaks on professional industry panels, as well as offering his insights and experience by doing lectures and class Q&A's for universities, including the University of Texas, the University of Southern California and University of California Los Angeles, amongst several others. Additionally, Ray has mentored over 100 students and recent grads in his field and helped many get their first job in the industry. He created an online community of interns who all help each other get started and support each other throughout their careers.

In his free time, Ray and his wife, Courtney Kemp, a 1997 Humble High School graduate, enjoy giving back to the community by serving at a local science environmental magnet school in Los Angeles Unified School District.