

Bruni Burres, Founding Partner and Mentor, USA

For over 25 years, Bruni Burres has been a passionate leader with a proven track record developing and executing innovative projects at the intersection of arts, culture and human rights & social justice. She is a visionary strategic fundraiser, team manager, media educator, producer and social media advisor. She is a Senior Consultant for Sundance Institute's Documentary Film Program, strategizing and deepening its international work with individual artists and organizations. Since 2008 She was a mentor and partner with the Greenhouse Documentary program and is now, along with the founding members of Greenhouse team, a leading partner and tutor for Close-Up, an international co-production initiative for emerging Middle East and North African filmmakers. Burres is an advisor with Doc Society's Good Pitch, which develops strategic and effective distribution campaigns for extraordinary films and cultural projects that involve philanthropists, corporations, NGOs and individuals. From 1991 to 2008 Bruni was the director of the Human Rights Watch Film Festival, which she also co-founded. Bruni is the co-writer and associate producer of *Beyond My Grandfather Al-lende*, which won best documentary at the 2015 Cannes Film Festival, and co-writer and producer of *Whose Country?* by Mohamed Siam, which had its USA premiere at the 2016 New York Film Festival.