

# BILLY LUTHER

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*Writer/Director of Frybread Face and Me (Netflix) and Dark Winds (AMC). Two-time Sundance world premiere filmmaker. Founder, BILLYLU INC.*

## SELECTED WORKS

**2026 Host/Creator *Bygone: Be Kind Rewind* (BILLYLU INC)**

Vertical podcast series exploring Gen X pop culture, memory, and human connection before the internet. *Launching June 2026*

**2026 Writer *Vitalogy***

Feature Film. Shane Funk (50) Native, secretly carrying three generations of the beloved advice column Dear Shaman Shirley, loses everything in one week and is forced to navigate two opposing versions of himself. *In development*

**2026 Writer/Director *The Scalpel and the Silver Bear***

Television series treatment based on the memoir by Dr. Lori Arviso Alvord - the first Navajo woman surgeon.

**2023 Writer/Director *Frybread Face and Me* (Netflix)**

A Navajo boy from San Diego experiences a cultural awakening when he spends summer vacation with his cousin and relatives on the reservation.

- World Premiere. SXSW
- International Premiere. Toronto International Film Festival
- Best Narrative Feature (US). Urbanworld Film Festival
- Jury Prize Best Feature. Seoul International Children's Film Festival

**2022 Writer/Director *Dark Winds* (AMC / AMC+)**

Psychological thriller series based on Tony Hillerman's novels following two Navajo police officers in the 1970s Southwest. Staff writer and story editor across three seasons. Directed Season 2 Episode "Black Hole Sun." And Season 3 Episode "It Has Been Told." Series currently in its fifth season.

- Nominee USC Scriptor Award – Billy Luther/Max Hurvitz co-writers "It Has Been Told".

**2019 Producer/Director *Alter-Native: Kitchen* (PBS Online)**

Six-episode docuseries following three Indigenous chefs preparing foods from their Native cultures.

- Executive Produced by World of Wonder Productions

**2018 Producer/Director *Alter-Native* (PBS Online)**

Following Native American fashion designer Bethany Yellowtail developing her latest collection.

- Executive Produced by World of Wonder Productions

**2016 Producer/Director *Red Lake***

Three survivors of the 2005 Red Lake Indian reservation high school shooting healing ten years later.

- Nominated Best Short Film. IDA Awards
- World Premiere. Los Angeles Film Festival

**2014 Co-Director *Rebel Music: Native America* (MTV)**

Young Native American musicians using art to inspire and transform their communities.

- Screened at the White House for Indigenous Youth Day

**2011 Producer/Director *GRAB***

Members of New Mexico's Laguna Pueblo tribe preparing for Grab Day, a traditional celebration.

- World Premiere. Sundance Film Festival 2011

**2007 Producer/Director *Miss Navajo (PBS- INDEPENDENT LENS)***

The role of women and tradition in Diné culture explored through a young woman's quest for the Miss Navajo Nation crown. Inspired by Luther's own mother who won the pageant in 1966.

- World Premiere. Sundance Film Festival 2007
- Michael Moore's Founders Prize. Traverse City Film Festival

**SELECT PANELS, LECTURES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

**2026** On the Lot AI Conference. Los Angeles

**2026** American University LA Intensive. Guest Speaker

**2023** AFI Conservatory Private Conversation. Frybread Face and Me

**2023** Out in Tech x Glamazon LGBTQ+ "Representation in Entertainment"

**SELECT HONORS, AWARDS, RESIDENCIES & FELLOWSHIPS**

**2022** Sundance Institute/NBCUniversal Fellowship

**2020** Sundance Institute Directors Lab

**2020** Sundance Institute Screenwriters Lab

**2020** Film Independent Directors Lab

**2019** Film Independent Screenwriters Lab

**BOARD MEMBER & CREATIVE ADVISOR**

**2023 - Present** Princess Grace Foundation. Arts Advisory Board

**2014** International Documentary Association. Board of Directors

**PROGRAMMING, AWARDS & JURY**

**2023 - Present** Awards Funding Panel. Princess Grace Foundation Documentary

**2023** ITVS Diversity Development Fund Documentary Awards Panel

**2017** Sundance Film Festival World Documentary Juror

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

BILLYLU INC (Founder). Film Independent. International Documentary Association. Sundance Institute. Princess Grace Foundation.