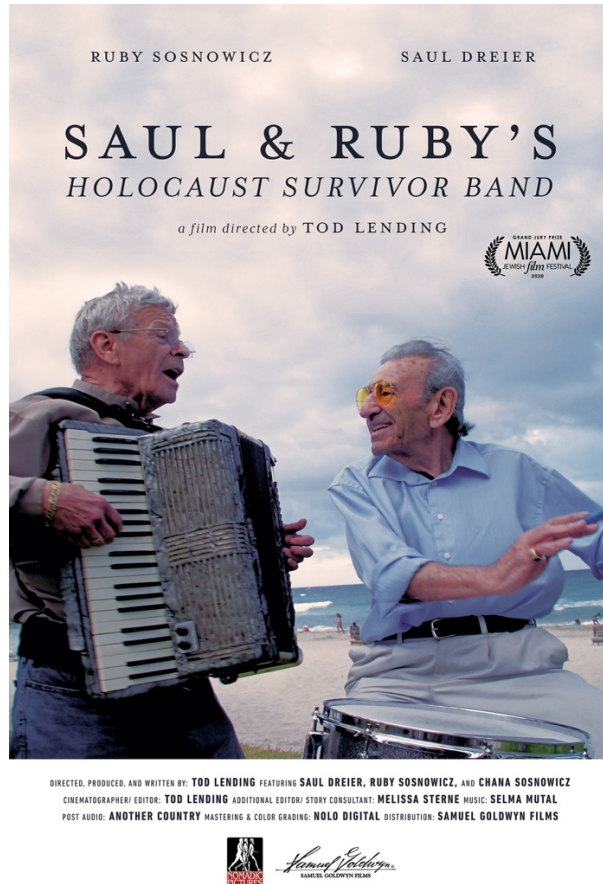




Presents

SAUL & RUBY'S HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR BAND



Cast: Saul Drier, Ruby Sosnowicz, & Chana Sosnowicz
Directed, Written, & Produced By: Tod Lending

Festivals: Miami Jewish FF (Grand Jury Prize), Atlanta Jewish FF (Audience Award)

Rated: Not Rated
Run Time: 81 minutes

Publicity Materials: <http://www.samuelgoldwynfilms.com/press-detail/?filmname=saul-ruby>

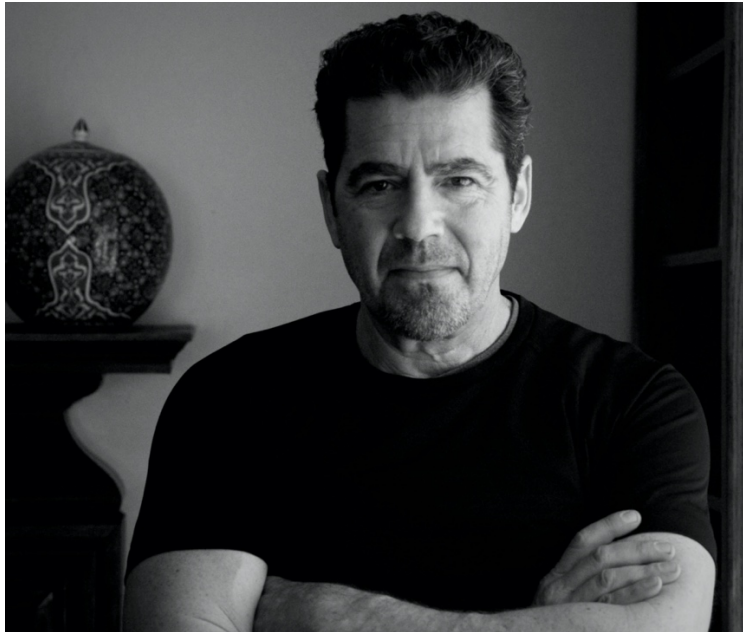
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SYNOPSIS

Log Line: In this utterly heart-affecting and enthralling film, two Holocaust survivors in South Florida form a klezmer band and begin an extraordinary musical journey that celebrates life and the transcendent power of music to heal.

Synopsis: Like many survivors of the Holocaust, after World War II, Saul and Ruby moved to America, started families and careers, grew old, and retired to South Florida. For them, retirement could have been the last chapter in their story. But then they decided to start a klezmer band, named the Holocaust Survivor Band. The band summons the bittersweet memories of childhood in Poland, but more than that, it is a celebration of life. In this utterly heart-affecting and enthralling film, we follow Saul and Ruby's musical journey, which begins in total obscurity, playing in residential homes for the elderly and small Jewish community organizations, to being invited to perform at venues across the country, including a coveted performance at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage. This unique and compelling story is about having the courage to live one's dreams, finding purpose and meaning in life at any age, the transcendent power of music, and the importance of speaking out against anti-Semitism and bigotry.

DIRECTOR'S BIO:



Mr. Lending is an Academy Award® nominated and national Emmy winning producer/director/cinematographer whose work has aired nationally on ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS, HBO, A&E, Al Jazeera; has been screened theatrically and awarded at national and international festivals; and has been televised internationally throughout Europe and Asia. His work has inspired the creation and passing of federal legislation (*The Legacy Act/American Dream Act*) and has garnered numerous major grants from foundations including the MacArthur Foundation, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Ford Foundation, Sundance Institute, Annie E. Casey Foundation, ITVS, NEH, US Office of Education, Driehaus Foundation and Wallace Foundation. He was a University of Maryland Journalism Fellow in Child and Family Policy, an advisor at the Sundance Institute, and is the president and founder of Nomadic Pictures, a documentary film production company based in Chicago. He is also the director of Ethno Pictures, a nonprofit film company that produces and distributes documentary films.

CREDITS:

(Cards)

Directed, Produced and Written
by
Tod Lending

Featuring

Saul Dreier

Ruby Sosnowicz

Chana Sosnowicz

Cinematographer
Tod Lending

Editor
Tod Lending

Additional Editor and Story Consultant
Melissa Sterne

(grouped cards)

Graphic Designer
Lyndsay McCully

Archival Researcher and Clearance Producer
Patricia Lofthouse

Music Composer
Selma Mutal

Additional Music
Maxwell Street Klezmer Band
Shanachie
Lipa Schmeltzer
Killer Tracks
Sparks Next

Re-Recording Mixer
Drew Weir

Audio Executive Producer
Tim Konn

Post Production Audio Facility
Another Country

High Definition Finish
Nolo Digital

Digital Colorist
Michael Matusek

Production Sound Washington, D.C.
Marianna LaFolette

Production Sound New York City
Francisco Latorre

Production Sound Miami
Tom Salyer

Production Sound Cleveland
Joel Trent

Production Sound Hamilton, Canada
Luke McClean

Production Coordinators Poland

Jonny Daniels

Lena Kludel

Warsaw Concert Additional Camera and Audio

Lukasz Odronic and Crew

Drivers Poland

Marcin Gajowka

Wojtek Baran

Archival Footage

**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum,
gift of the Gasul Family**

**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum,
gift of Rita Wolman Stern and Deborah Wolman Rosen**

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Jeff Black

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Lena Kludel

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Sheri Zvi
Lisa Zhen
Steve Young
Film Collective
Jeffrey Winter
IFP Documentary Forum
Illinois Holocaust Museum and Educational Center**

**In loving memory of
Clara Dreier 1924-2016
Gina Sosnowicz 1939-2016
Mark Hurwitz 1944-2018
Ray Lending 1927-2012**

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