

# MAYOR JENNY WILSON'S BOOK & MEDIA CLUB



Dear Salt Lake County Residents,

You are invited to my community-wide **Book & Media Club!**

## Wednesday, June 25, 2025

RSVP today

The Book & Media Club is an opportunity for our community to engage around a common theme or interest.

The next selection features *The Times of Harvey Milk*, a documentary that was awarded Special Jury Prize at the 1985 Sundance Film Festival. **In addition to the film screening, there will be a discussion with the director, Rob Epstein.**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 25, 2025

**TIME:** 6 PM

**PLACE:** Broadway Centre Cinemas (111 E. Broadway 300 W., Salt Lake City)

**Everyone is invited.** Seating is limited. Please be sure to [RSVP](#) to guarantee yourself a seat! Attendees will each receive a voucher for one small popcorn and one small fountain drink.

This film holds deep personal significance for me. As a young college student, *The Times of Harvey Milk* was a formative experience—one that opened my eyes to the power of political courage and the urgent need for social justice. The story of Harvey

Milk's life, leadership, and legacy helped shape my lifelong commitment to advocacy, inclusion, and public service.

**I look forward to you participating in this special screening and discussion, where we will reflect on how far we've come, and how much further we must go.**

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## The Times of Harvey Milk

Commemorate the path toward LGBTQIA+ rights with *The Times of Harvey Milk*, the 1985 Sundance documentary audience winner in honor of Milk's rise from neighborhood activist to California politician.

Presented at:

**Broadway Centre Cinemas**  
111 E. Broadway 300 S. Salt Lake City, UT  
[saltlakecounty.gov/mayor/bookclub](http://saltlakecounty.gov/mayor/bookclub)

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*The Times of Harvey Milk*

This Academy Award-winning documentary tells the powerful story of Harvey Milk, California's first openly gay elected official. Through archival footage and heartfelt interviews, the film captures his groundbreaking political career, his tragic assassination, and the lasting impact of his legacy on civil rights and LGBTQIA+ advocacy.

*The Times of Harvey Milk* made its debut at the 1985 Sundance Film Festival, right here in Utah, where it received early acclaim for its poignant storytelling and historical significance. Premiering at Sundance helped launch the film into national recognition, ultimately earning it an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. The film's roots in our own state's cultural landscape make it all the more meaningful to revisit today, 40 years later, as we reflect on the power of film to inspire change and elevate underrepresented voices.

## **This powerful documentary highlights and uplifts LGBTQIA+ voices**

In today's challenging political climate, elevating LGBTQIA+ voices and supporting inclusive political action is more important than ever. With our state's recent ban on pride flags in schools and government property, we are reminded of how easily progress can be rolled back—and why representation, visibility, and advocacy matter.

*The Times of Harvey Milk* is not just a look back at one trailblazing leader. This documentary is a call to honor the ongoing struggle for equal rights by listening to, learning from, and standing in solidarity with LGBTQIA+ individuals in our community.

## **Learn About the Director**

Rob Epstein is an internationally recognized director, writer, and producer who has been crafting socially relevant content for over three decades. He has been honored with two Academy Awards, five Emmy Awards, three Peabodys as well as both the Guggenheim and Rockefeller Fellowship.

Rob began his career working on the landmark documentary *Word Is Out*, released in theaters in 1977, he followed that with *The Times of Harvey Milk*; a project he conceived, directed, co-produced and co-edited. *The Times of Harvey Milk* was screened at the 1985 Sundance Film Festival where it won the coveted Special Jury Prize. The film went on to win the Academy Award for Best Feature documentary as

well as the New York Film Critics Award for Best Non-Fiction Film. In 2013, it was added to the National Film Registry by the Library of Congress and is now part of the prestigious Criterion Collection. The Cinema Eye Honors also named *The Times of Harvey Milk* one of the “25 most influential documentaries of all time”.

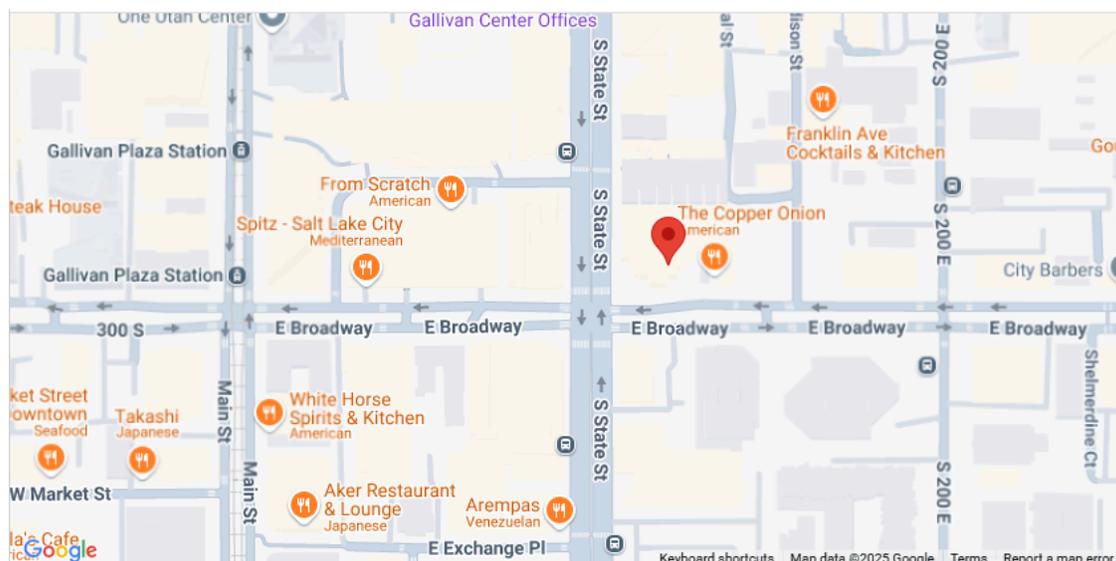
Since 1987, Rob and his producing partner Jeffrey Friedman have worked under the Telling Pictures banner traversing both the non-fiction and scripted narrative. In 1990, they won the Oscar for the documentary *Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt*. Other notable projects include feature films *HOWL*, starring James Franco, which received the Freedom of Expression Award from the National Board of Review and *Lovelace*, starring Amanda Seyfried which premiered at both the Sundance and Berlin Film Festivals.

In addition to his filmmaking career, Rob is a professor and the co-chair of the Film Program at California College of the Arts as well as a visiting professor at NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts.

## Parking Information

Parking for Broadway is available in the parking garage just east of the Broadway Centre Cinemas, 111 E Broadway (300 S), on the west side of the Copper Onion restaurant.

**Bring your parking ticket in with you to the event** to have it validated for 4 hours.



We look forward to your attendance!

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**June 25**

*The Times of Harvey Milk*

Sincerely,



**Jenny Wilson**  
Mayor of Salt Lake County



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