



## Ash Baron Cohen - WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

London-born Ash Baron Cohen is a writer/director who attended Sussex University in England, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Experimental Psychology. After making a short film in collaboration with Channel 4, he was invited to attend the Art Center in Pasadena, CA. After leaving the Art Center, Ash wrote and directed the independent feature "BANG" (Top Ten Movies of the Year - 1997, LA TIMES and ROGER EBERT), a movie about a minority female that assumes the identity of a police officer for one day on the streets of Los Angeles.

After watching Bang, director Oliver Stone wrote a letter to the US immigration department on Ash's behalf hailing him "as a young British filmmaker who has undoubtedly flourished to become one of the most gifted directors of his generation."

Subsequent to this, Ash wrote, directed, and produced his second feature "PUPS" (Starring Mischa Barton and Burt Reynolds - fresh from his Golden Globe winning and Oscar nominated performance in "Boogie Nights"), a feature focusing on the relationship between kids and guns in America. "PUPS" was released theatrically to strong reviews ("A startling film of impulse, rage and humanism, a perceptive powder keg" - VARIETY 2000, "Hyperreal performances -no pundit since has answered the questions it raises." Village Voice, "PUPS is a headlong rush!...two of the most natural and freed performances I've seen by actors of any age." Roger Ebert) in February 2001 and was bought by HBO.

In October 2003, Ash wrote, directed, and produced "This Girl's Life" with James Woods, Juliette Marquis, Rosario Dawson, Kip Pardue, Ioan Gruffudd, and Isaiah Washington for Chris Hanley and Muse Productions (American Psycho, The Virgin Suicides, Buffalo 66, Spun). "This Girl's Life" completed its theatrical run in 2004 and was acquired by Showtime where it played to over 20 million viewers. Juliette Marquis was awarded the Best Actress award at the Milan International film festival and the CineVegas Film Festival for her debut performance in the film.

He also recently completed a feature length documentary, "Little Warriors" co-produced by Allyson Tang, which captures the everyday lives of six eleven year old kids born with HIV/AIDS in America. ("A tough, inspiring, lyrical look at the everyday lives of a largely forgotten group of children. The director's unsentimental empathy comes through in every frame." - New York Press) The Discovery Channel acquired Little Warriors and premiered it on World AIDS Day.

In 2009 Ash directed the documentary The Wild Ones. Allyson Tang producing.

He is currently casting his new feature "The Radioactive" set in the gangster world of contemporary LA but told from a female perspective. It is being produced by Mark Canton (The 300) and John Baldecci (Conan/88 Minutes/The Mexican)

Ash is also casting "Eye Candy" aka "The Blind Bastards' Club", a film about a congenitally blind man who lives life fearlessly and passionately with his group of fellow blind friends - a film incidentally which will include real blind people acting in supporting roles. It is being described as a "Trainspotting" for the blind. Lenny Kravitz (Precious) is attached to play the female lead.

Ash completed his second commercial for Bebe clothing after negotiating Mischa Barton to be their spokesperson. He also negotiated the deal for Rebecca Romjin to be Bebe's new spokesperson in 2007.

Ash has been featured on the cover of Entertainment Today, The New York Press and The Montreal Gazette, and has been featured in Esquire magazine, The Wall Street Journal, MTV, Life and Times, Siskel and Ebert, IFC, HBO, Moviemaker magazine and many more.

## **FILMOGRAPHY:**

### Director filmography:

The Radio-Active (2010)-Casting-Robin Williams /Mickey Rourke / Malin Ackerman/Danny Huston/ Jack Huston  
Blind Bastard Club (2010) - Casting Lenny Kravitz attached  
The Wild Ones (2009)  
Poor Things (2007) - Shirley Maclaine /Olympia Dukakis /Lindsay Lohan  
This Girl's Life - Muse Productions/Miracle Mile Films (2003/04)  
Pups - Allied Entertainment (2000)  
Bang - Polygram (1997)

### Writer filmography:

The Radio-Active-(2010)-Casting  
The Blind Bastard Club (2010) Casting  
This Girl's Life - Muse Productions/Miracle Mile Films (2003/04)  
Bush, The - MTV Films/Paramount (2003)  
Pups - Allied Entertainment (2000)  
Bang - Polygram (1997)

### Producer filmography:

The Radioactive (2010)  
The Blind Bastard Club (2010)  
The Wild Ones (2009)  
This Girl's Life - Muse Productions/Miracle Mile Films (2003/04)  
Little Warriors - Discovery Channel (2002)  
Pups - Allied Entertainment (1999)

## **AWARDS:**

### This Girl's Life:

Winner- Best Actress  
Milan International Film Festival  
Winner - Best New Actress  
CineVegas Film Festival

### Pups:

Winner - Best Picture  
Cognac, France International Film Festival (Jury Members: Oliver Stone and Brian DePalma)  
Winner - Grand Jury Prize  
Ubari, Japan International Film Festival  
Nominated Bronze Horse  
Stockholm International Film Festival

### Bang:

Independent Spirit Award Nominee Best Debut Performance  
Top Ten Movies of the Year - Los Angeles Times

Top Ten Movies of the Year - Roger Ebert  
Top Ten Movies of the Year - The New York Press

Little Warriors - Documentary  
Winner - Outstanding Biographical Program  
US TV Guide Awards