

Faces Of New Bedford – #13: Ben Gilbarg

Meet Ben Gilbarg, a 37 year-old Videographer and Adjunct Professor at Bristol Community College.



As the owner of Visionary Communications Consultants LCC his hope is to produce dynamic video content. These videos are produced with the intention of making an impact to the social current of our culture. He also helped to co-found Third Eye Open at the age of twenty, which is a non-profit organization which strives to equip the youth with the ability to grow in the arts and music.

Although both of his parents weren't originally born here, one hailing from Cleveland and the other from California, they met in Boston and relocated to New Bedford, where Ben was born. He has spent most of his life in New Bedford, with the exception of his time spent in Amherst and Los Angeles, where he received his Bachelors and Masters Degrees.

His career path was inspired by the lack of needs being met in New Bedford after he returned home from college. He also saw the condition that the world was in and wanted to expand what he was doing locally to impact the world as well. For instance, he is currently working on a centennial music video

anthem for the National Park Service which is aimed at raising awareness and projecting the voice of the youth.

This city is a huge inspiration to him due to the talent that resonates here and the heart, culture, and style of the people that live here. He sees the lack of mentors and knows that if we as a city can focus on the creative youth economy then we will see a major turn around in the development of our children.

“Do something, everyone has some sort of talent, interest, or niche. Communities don’t get better by people waiting for others to make a stand, you have to go out and make it happen. In the words of Ray Bradbury, ‘Jump of a cliff and build your wings on the way down.’”

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