

## 2017 Tribeca Film Festival: Ron Howard Walks the Red Carpet for ‘Genius’

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NEW YORK CITY – Ron Howard is going back to TV. The TV actor-turned-film-director is exploring the life of Albert Einstein in “Genius,” produced as a mini-series for the National Geographic Channel. Howard was on the Red Carpet at the Tribeca Film Festival, and HollywoodChicago.com was there to get this Exclusive Photo.



Producer/Director Ron Howard at the Tribeca Film Festival for 'Genius' on April 21st, 2017

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Of course, Patrick McDonald of HollywoodChicago.com was there to ask a few questions of the show business titan.

**HollywoodChicago.com:** What was the origin of your involvement with 'Genius'?

**Ron Howard:** We didn't develop it. The company Oddlot Entertainment brought it to me, with a script, and I thought it was a great idea. Brian Glazer [Howard's production partner] brought it to National Geographic, and we didn't even have to shop it around. They said yes. We knew the timing was right.

**HollywoodChicago.com:** When you were on your first film, 'Grand Theft Auto' in 1977, and you yelled action for the first time, did you use that first shot in the final cut?

**Howard:** No I didn't, because I also had to act in it. It was my first take, on my first day of directing, and I walked into the shot as an actor as well. It was lousy, and we had to do it again, to get it better. [laughs]

*The 2017 Tribeca Film Festival runs from Wednesday, April 19th through Sunday, April 30th. Follow Patrick McDonald on Twitter throughout the Festival on Twitter @ubercritic and @hollywoodchi. For more general information on 2017 Tribeca, [click here](#). [22] "Genius," produced and directed by Ron Howard, premieres on April 25th, 2017, on the National Geographic Channel. See providers for channel location.*



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