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Video Producer/Editor Neil Novello knows the edges of society, and the outliers who inhabit it. During a 20-year career of award-winning filmmaking, Mr. Novello has worked with people ranging from a MacArthur genius grant winning choreographer, Liz Lerman (“The Shipyard Dance”), to a black velvet art dealer in the US-Mexico border town (“Black Velvet Art”), to the die-hard practitioners of dirt track stock car racing in Mississippi (“Dirt: Thrills, Chills and Spills”), to immigrants and their experiences (“America: The New Immigrants”).

And under the banner of “Family Bio”, Novello has produced and edited 4 feature-length biographies of ordinary Americans. But don’t use the adjective “ordinary” around this chronicler. “I don’t like references to people in a documentary as ‘ordinary,’” Novello says. “Our experiences and how we handle them is worthy of discussion, from the resident down the street to a celebrity. You don’t have to be a celebrity to have an experience that’s important to remember. “A Life Remembered is a Life Honored”, this is the reason for Family Bio. “

Seen from Maine Public Television to the University of Mississippi to The Christian Science Monitor television, Novello’s documentaries have garnered several coveted awards -- Cine Golden Eagle and the Telly Award.

Mr. Novello’s over twenty years, award-winning background includes, documentaries, news/features, and instructional programs.

He worked for The Christian Science Monitor Television operations in Boston producing news segments and was Line Producer of a ten-part documentary series, "The 90's: Our World In Transition". His documentary from the ten-part series, "America: The New Immigrants" won the Cine Golden Eagle.

Mr. Novello was Program Director for The University of Mississippi’s award winning adult literacy tele-courses - Project LEAP. He produced the Telly Award winning, "Weapons in the Classroom: The Law and Beyond" for the Oxford Unified School District and was Producer/Director of "The Nutrition Zone", a four-part educational nutritional series for low-income audiences.

In 1998, Mr. Novello formed The Iguana Division, Ltd., to produce family biographies, documentaries and institutional video communication tools.

Family Bio: A 21st Century Photo Album - Feature-length biographies include “Daddo - The Story of Jack Miner”, “Just Like Sisters”, and "June & Stan".

Recent Documentaries: "The Shipyard Dance" (Maine Public Television, Chip Taylor Distribution, Communicator Award), " Dirt: Thrills, Chills and Spills" about stock car racing in Mississippi (Home Video), and "Black Velvet Art" about the artists of velvet paintings and the main distributor in El Paso, TX.

Maine Public Television: Made In Maine Series segments: “Smith’s Maple Products”, “New England MetalWorks” and “Hatch Well Drillers”.

Documentaries Currently In Production: "Do It Right The First Time": This historical picture and music documentary tells about one of the oldest shipyards in America - The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.