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# CHARLEY BEAL

Social Activist and President of  
the Gilbert Baker Foundation



## BIOGRAPHY

Charley Beal is a lifelong social activist who attended his first civil rights demonstration in Lansing, Michigan in 1962. He is also an award-winning art director for film and television, working with renowned directors including Mike Nichols, Nora Ephron, Ridley Scott, and Gus Van Sant. His film credits include *First Wives Club*, *In & Out*, *Milk* and TV credits include *Boardwalk Empire*, *Smash*, *Gotham*, and *Power*. Charley was also a close friend with Gilbert Baker, the creator of the LGBTQ+, Rainbow Flag. Since Baker's passing in 2017, Beal has helped to carry on Baker's legacy through the Gilbert Baker Foundation. That work has included producing several short documentaries as well as numerous exhibits that have been seen in museums and galleries around the world.