

ALLEN GILMER

TIKI TĀNE PICTURES

Allen Gilmer grew up in El Paso, attended college at Rice University in Houston, and worked internationally as a geophysicist with Marathon Oil. He struck out on his own in 1993 with a seismic crew that pioneered shoot-to-earn, co-founded Vecta Exploration, and co-founded Drillinginfo (now known as Enverus), where he served as CEO and Chairman of the Board from its founding until 2021. A founding investor, Allen remained involved until Enverus' sale to Blackstone in 2026.

In 2018, Allen and his wife, Riki Rushing, began investing in and producing feature and documentary films, all of which have found audience love and a couple of which have found Rotten Tomatoes critic love. Today, he and Riki work with William Shockley and Tom Brady in Tiki Tāne Pictures, LLC. Notable titles filmed and awaiting release include “*Castro's Daughter*,” the biopic focused on the life and defection in 1993 of Alina Fernandez, Fidel Castro’s only acknowledged daughter. The film stars James Franco as Fidel Castro, Ana Villafane as Alina Fernandez, and Mia Maestro as Naty Revuelta, Alina's mother.

Tiki Tāne’s complementary documentary, “*Revolution's Daughter*,” features the real-life Alina Fernandez and her Cuban emigre friends, including Gloria Estefan, as they recount their memories of living in a repressive communist society and their hopes for what Cuba's future might be. The documentary is finishing its award-winning film festival run and will be sold concurrently with “*Castro's Daughter*.”

Another forthcoming Tiki Tāne film is “*The Punishing*,” a horror film starring John Boyega and Cara Delevingne, filmed on the Isle of Skye this past November.

Tiki Tāne both develops its own projects and participates as a producing or executive producing partner with others on their projects. It doesn't choose projects based on conservative or religious themes but has been very successful in keeping films it participates in from adopting the progressive themes that are reflexive to so many in the industry.