

# Beer, Nuts & Laughter



Most filmmakers rely on their ability to see in order to make films. But Australian filmmaker and author gough's vision doesn't rely on sight. Instead gough (pronounced "goff"), who is legally blind, writes, directs, edits and produces all of his films with the help of a well-curated crew. His eleven-year-old company, Beernuts Productions, makes pointed documentaries and entertaining short films, including an upcoming mockumentary on the environment. Irony and wit are all part of his gestalt, for he's a natural-born storyteller who cut his teeth in radio and on the stand-up comedy circuit before devoting himself full-time to filmmaking. He relishes slippery subjects — pornography, disability, mental illness, to name a few. *ABILITY*'s Lia Martirosyan chatted with gough about his creative process and his passion for showing the world that a disability needn't be a hindrance to doing what you love.

*Lia: Where does gough originate?*