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On the set of POISON (1991), DP Barry Ellsworth, seated on dolly, confers with director Todd Haynes. Producer Christine Vachon has her back to camera. (Photo by Russell Fine. Courtesy of Barry Ellsworth/Apparatus Productions)

THE APPARATUS FILMMAKERS — WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

One of the fun things about working on the Apparatus collection has been figuring out how the filmmakers worked together. Take Barry Ellsworth, for example.

As co-founder of Apparatus Productions, Barry not only co-produced all the Apparatus shorts along with partners Christine Vachon & Todd Haynes, he also worked as a Director of Photography, Assistant Director, Production Manager, Editor and even as a Dolly Grip. His association with Christine & Todd extended beyond Apparatus. Barry shot Todd's breakthrough films POISON (see photo above) and SUPERSTAR: THE KAREN CARPENTER STORY.

“When the IndieCollect team contacted me, it was like seeing a shooting star cross the night sky, tracing an arc from my indie film beginnings in NYC to where I live now, in Santa Fe. Christine, Todd and I produced many exciting film experiments in those days, the 80s and early 90s,” wrote Barry. “I’d say we functioned more as a collective than as a traditional production company; yet, we took on the burden of financing and producing the films for the other directors. It was the best of both worlds — a level of professionalism that was innovative at the time, combined with the courage of our artistic convictions.”

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