

In 2015, Mattel® created the Ava DuVernay Barbie™ doll for their “Sheroes” line celebrating real female heroes. The doll sold out in less than 1hr.



- **Background**
- **Education and Training**
- **Selected Works**
  - *Middle of Nowhere* (2012)
  - *Selma* (2014)
  - *13th* (2016)
  - *A Wrinkle in Time* (2018)
- **Companies**
  - DuVernay Agency (1999)
  - Urban Beauty Collective (2003)
  - Forward Movement (2005)
  - AAFRM/ARRAY (2010)



# Ava DuVernay

“ I think that black people making art, women making art, and certainly black women making art is a disruptive endeavor—and one that I enjoy extremely.”

# Selma (2014)



## Themes

Politics

Racism

Discrimination

Police brutality

Family

Community

Innocence

Hypocrisy

Leadership

Generational  
divide

Feminine  
strength



"*Selma* is a story about voice—the voice of a great leader; the voice of a community that triumphs despite turmoil; and the voice of a nation striving to grow into a better society. I hope the film reminds us that all voices are valuable and worthy of being heard."

-Ava DuVernay

