

A film about women

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GEORGIA BERNER

THE SAGE

April 18, 1984 brought police officers to Georgia's farm in the middle of the night. The commotion at the front door awakened her four children. They were upstairs and straining to hear the muffled voices below. Their father had been killed in a plane crash on his way to the Berner facility in Boston. Georgia called friends to come to the house and left to walk the property. "I had to walk, I had to think. The dog came with me but soon went back to the house because it was raining. By the time I got back to the house, I knew I would take over the business."

Georgia Berner didn't set out to be a CEO, but some might say she was destined to be a leader. Her father, General Patton's aide, fostered in her a love of education, reading, and leadership; determined his daughter would survive. He challenged her and forged a determination that drives her to this day. A brilliant strategist and critical thinker, she took over the business with no business background. Learning as she went, she became one of the most sought-after voices of her generation. Georgia's career spans decades as President and CEO of Berner International Corp., becoming a member of the board after her son, Mikael, purchased the business. A fierce advocate for women and social justice, she has shepherded two domestic abuse clinics, is the driving force as Board President of the Women's Campaign Fund and previously She Should Run, and has served on the Board of Directors for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

Her commitment to social impact is matched only by her passion for advocacy: She champions causes and uses her platform to speak out on civil rights, equality, and public health. Georgia Berner is a force—an unstoppable blend of intellect, conviction, and influence.