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Writing • Film & TV Production • Directing • Videography • Research

SUMMARY

Intuitive, resourceful, creative, and talented in many functions in the entertainment industry. Unique perspective on current industry through the lens of history and literature. Effective communicator with strong technical and organizational skills.

SKILLS

Storytelling: Writing Coverage, Knowledge in creative, engaging writing in prose, poetry, and screenplay formats

Production: Experience on multiple sets as Director, Production Assistant, Videographer, and Photographer

Computer: MS Office, Acrobat, After Effects, Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Final Cut Pro, Firefly, Google Suite, WordPress, Final Draft, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Slack, Asana, Mac, PC, Reel-Scout, Canva, Campaign Manager 360

Communication: Public speaking, Conversant in French

Certificates: Mental Health First Aid Training 2018

EDUCATION

Lafayette College, Easton, PA and Goldsmiths, University of London, London, United Kingdom

Class of 2021

Degree in Bachelor of Arts (Majors: English, Film & Media Studies)

GPA: 3.69, Dean's List, Graduate Cum Laude

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

New Jersey Motion Picture & Television Commission (NJEDA)

September 18th, 2023-Present

Project Assistant:

- Assist with the overall management of the Film Ready Program, which includes reviewing certification requirements submitted by localities working towards Film Ready designation.
- Maintain and update municipal information sheets with film ordinance information and point of contact.
- Manage master spreadsheet containing each locality's Film Ready status and tracking their progress.
- Write and conduct research for press releases, social media, and an online newsletter.
- Design graphics and flyers as promotional materials for the Film Ready program.
- Review and approve available locations for filming in the Reel-Scout database under the Film Ready program.
- Tour and photograph available locations for filming under the Film Ready program.
- Send correspondence and invitations to state, county, and municipal leaders regarding the Film Ready program.
- Manage the transfer and reorganization of the Commission's files to streamline operations.
- Proofread and update weekly office reports concerning film and television productions in New Jersey.
- Attend virtual meetings with municipal leaders and provide meeting notes to participants.
- Coordinate the filming of content as promotional material for the Film Ready program.
- Tour and photograph film production studios, theaters, and equipment warehouses to create promotional materials.

New York Women in Film & Television (NYWIFT)

February-May 2023

Intern:

- Uploaded job postings and created new accounts on the organization's website.
- Conducted online blog interviews with NYWIFT members.
- Escorted and assisted guests attending the NYWIFT Muse Awards.

Dead Talk Media

September 7th, 2022-May 1st, 2023

Co-Head of PR/Social Media, Celebrity Guest Researcher:

- Gathered information and wrote questions about celebrities who guest starred for interviews on "Dead Talk Live."
- Managed the production of social media content and press releases to promote the company.

FREELANCE EXPERIENCE

New Jersey Urban News

October 21st, 2023-Present

Freelance Journalist:

- Write and conduct interviews for online news articles related to film, TV, food, politics, and social events in New Jersey.

Digital Trends Media Group

August 12th, 2022-Present

Freelance Writer, Entertainment:

- Write online news articles focusing on TV and movies for the award-winning publishing company.

Austin Film Festival

June 8, 2022-Present

Competition Reader:

- Read and analyze scripts submitted to the festival to determine whether or not they should advance in the competition.

Etopia Digital

November 10th, 2022-May 28th, 2023

Ad Script Writer:

- Writing short scripts for online advertisements.

Comic Book Resources

November 2nd, 2021-July 21st, 2022

Weekend TV/Movie Features Writer:

- Write online news articles related to TV, movies, and comics, including an interview with acclaimed comics writer Grant Morrison.

BuzzFeed, New York, NY

September 7th, 2021-September 1st, 2022

Freelance Contributor:

- Wrote online news articles focusing on popular culture, specifically TV, movies, videos, books, music, and comics.

Flip Side Junkies

January 2021-February 2022

Script Writer:

- Wrote scripts about obscure classic bands and musical artists to be used for the company's digital radio show.

CNN/ Courageous Studios

June-August 2019

Production Assistant:

- Coordinated the production of a segment for *CNN Heroes* about the Bergen County Housing, Health & Human Services Center.
- Coordinated the production of a promotional video for the NFL Network program *Good Morning Football*.

INTERNSHIPS**Teaneck International Film Festival**

August 8th, 2022-Present

Social Media Intern:

- Capture and post photos and videos on social media on behalf of the festival to promote its brand and engage in social issues.

Unblinded, Paramus, NJ

March 31st, 2022-July 11th, 2022

Videographer/Editor (Lead Photographer):

- Coordinated the filming and editing of photo and video content about Unblinded and its sales training events.

Bleeding Yankee Blue

May-August 2020

Blog Writer:

- Wrote online news articles concerning Major League Baseball, particularly about the New York Yankees.

COED Media, New York, NY

May-August 2020

Pop Culture Writer/Editorial Intern:

- Wrote online news articles concerning film, entertainment, and popular culture aimed at male audiences age 18-34.

Sloppy Vinyl LLC, Bloomfield, NJ

June-August 2019

Videographer/Post-Production Intern:

- Coordinated the filming and editing of music videos, documentary interviews, and advertisements for the entertainment industry.

Red Sand Foundation, Inc.

May 2018-August 2019

Associate Director/Intern:

- Directed nonprofit documentaries for the New Bridge Medical Hospital and the Bergen Housing, Health, & Human Services Center.

Oradell Public Television, Oradell, NJ

May 2018-August 2018

Intern:

- Oversaw video and audio production while filming live town hall meetings and news interviews.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**Bergen County Habitat for Humanity**

June-September 2014, 2017-2018

- Coordinated the pick-up, delivery, stocking, and pricing of donated items.
- Developed PowerPoint presentations for fundraising purposes.
- Coordinated social media communication.
- Assisted in the construction of multiple housing projects for families in need.

Bergen County Housing, Health & Human Services Center

2009-2019

- Served food and coordinated recreational activities for people experiencing homelessness.

FILMOGRAPHY

“That Creep From the Bar Last Night”—Short film; 2024; production assistant

“High Light”—Short film; 2024; actor, director, editor, producer, writer, VFX artist

- **Winner Best Short Film & Best Horror Film:** Hollywood Hype International Film Festival, Luminary Independent Film Fiesta

- **Winner Best-Micro Short:** HORROR Underground Film & Screenplay Festival

- **Winner Best Short Horror:** NYC Independent Film Festival

- **Winner Best Horror Film:** FilmNest International Film Festival, Clown International Film Festival

- **Official Selection:** Northeast Film Festival 2024

“A Somewhat Thorny Prospect”—Short film; 2023; producer, 1st assistant director

“Blades of Grass”—Short film; 2023; production assistant, BTS videographer/photographer

“Untitled Iniko Music Video”—Sony music video; produced by Kin Films; 2023; production assistant to the set/assistant director

“American Sports Story: Aaron Hernandez”—FX/Disney+ series; 2023; extra

“Can’t Let It Go”—Feature-length film; 2023; production assistant, BTS videographer/photographer

“The Shadows”—104-page feature screenplay; 2021; screenwriter

- **Quarter-Finalist:** ISA Horror & Thriller Genre Busting Screenplay Competition

- **Official Selection:** HorrOrigins Film Festival (2023), Santa Barbara International Screenplay Awards, Los Angeles International Screenplay Awards

“The Shadows”—29-minute short film; 2020; actor, director, editor, producer, writer, VFX artist

- **Semi-Finalist:** Barrymore Film Center Short Film Festival 2022

- **Official Selection:** FLICKFAIR Film Festival, Hollywood First-Time Filmmaker Showcase