

Rebecca Mlinek

Writer, Director, Teacher

I gravitate towards gritty, scrappy towns with swampy atmospheres. My comfort zone is inhabiting complicated places with complicated histories, places that exert a pressure on the people living in it. What I write: drama with a twist of the uncanny. Think of those times when you lift your head and think – did I just hear something? A voice? But the silence stretches and you convince yourself it was in your head... The world is weird and doesn't always provide neat answers; I try to capture something of that reality in everything I do.



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WORK EXPERIENCE

Department Chair, Literary Arts George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology

08/2015 - Present *Towson, Maryland*
Baltimore County Public Schools - high school creative writing magnet

Achievements/Tasks

- Manage and support 2 teachers and 7 writers-in-residence
- Propose and manage department budget
- Plan and produce 6 annual events
- Compose and implement creative writing curriculum
- Literary Magazine / Student Newspaper adviser

Adjunct Faculty: Screenwriting professor Loyola University

09/2013 - Present *Baltimore City, MD*
Liberal Arts University

Achievements/Tasks

- Design and implement screenwriting curriculum for creative writing undergraduate students

WRITER/DIRECTOR

Familiar: A Dark Fairytale (short film)

- Stowe Story Labs Supported Project
- WIFV Jane Cusumano Film Finishing Grant Recipient

Somebody Killed Mom (audio drama)

PUBLICATIONS

CNF: Reality is not enough, Hobart Press

Poetry: At Max's, Local Gems Press

Poetry: A Teacher's Reflection Maryland Bards Anthology

Poetry: The Ghost in my Garden Convivium Journal

Creative nonfiction: Restoration Management b(oink) Zine

Fiction: All Manner of Thing F(r)iction Magazine

Historical Fiction: The story of Pink Zoozil Media

SKILLS

Screenwriting Fiction Poetry Creative Nonfiction

Directing Producing Podcasting/Audio Dramas

Feature Film Short Film Magical Realism Horror

Historical Fiction Public Speaking Collaboration

AWARDS

2023 Scholastics Educator Gold Portfolio award

2022 Stowe Story Labs LAUNCH grant finalist

2022 CRAFT First Chapters honorable mention

2021 Jane Cusumano WIFV Film Finishing Grant

2021 Stowe Story Lab Fiscal Sponsorship Selected Project

2020 Saul Zaentz Screenplay Lab Fellow

2020 Saul Zaentz Film Innovation Fellow

2019 Academy Nicholl Fellowship Semifinalist

2019 ISA Emerging Screenwriters Genre Top Ten (historical)

2019 Roadmap Writers Top Tier Competition Winner

2019 Rocaberti Writers Scholarship recipient

2017 Rattle Magazine's Francine Ringold Awards Finalist for Poetry

EDUCATION

Masters of Arts in Teaching Goucher College

06/2016 - 06/2019

Towson, MD

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature Franciscan University of Steubenville

08/1994 - 06/1998

Steubenville, OH