


# MARCO SALAZAR

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Marco Salazar is a highly creative and versatile filmmaker with over 7 years of video creation experience, and 2 years of professional level filmmaking. His exceptional talents include but are not restricted to directing, writing, and acting, all of which have earned him recognition in both film festivals and theater productions/showcases. Marco is truly dedicated to bringing his unique cinematic visions to life by turning his creative visions into unforgettable films and is determined to leave his mark in the ongoing and rapidly evolving film industry by doing so.

## SKILLS

- Film Directing
- Screenwriting
- Film Editing
- Idea Pitching
- Performance Improvement
- Project Management
- Talent Booking
- Critical Thinking
- Shot Direction
- Producing Videos
- Adobe Systems Adobe Premiere Pro

## EDUCATION

### Chapman University

Orange, CA • Expected in 2026

**BFA:** Directing in Film Productions

### College of DuPage

Glen Ellyn, IL • 2023

**No Degree:** Film & TV Productions

## WEBSITES, PORTFOLIOS, PROFILES

- <https://filmfreeway.com/MarcoSalazar>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiLIPSRmXzeh05AKwBCGBAQ>

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Addict (applicational film) Festival Acceptances/Awards-  
**2023 Finalist** at First-Time Filmmaker Sessions at Pinewood Studios  
**2023 Quarter Finalist** at Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival  
**2023 Official Selection** at Student World Impact Film Festival

Sports Recognition-

Played on the 3rd best Soccer Club in the State, ranking it at top 10 in the region during highschool. LTSC.

## CREATIVE RESUME-

### Midnight Star Films - Channel Surfing With a Ghost

Orange, CA • 09/2023 - 09/2023

- First **Independent Short Film** at Chapman, 3rd total
- **Creative Roles- Director, Writer, Producer, Production Design**
- Chose and followed targeted styles, grammatical approaches and narrative voices for each individual character.
- Revised written material upon conferring with cast/crew in order to meet more personal and professional standards
- Held live performances/table reads of the written works and screenplay at cast & crew gatherings and special events.
- Worked effectively in fast-paced environments, proving successful working within tighter deadlines and overnight shoots  
(currently undergoing early post-production work)

### Saint John Of The Cross Parish - VOLUNTEER WORK

5005 Wolf Rd, Western Springs 60558 • 06/2009 - 06/2023

- Church Sale Donation Attendant, Room Setting & Inventory Sorting

- Completed Pre-Church Sale preparation such as handling and sorting donations, organizing sale rooms (clothing, electronics, hardware, toys, etc), customer service, and salesman/cash handler for days of Church Sale. Always lots of work for Church Sale preparation every year, but really fun and I love helping out and being a part of the process. Everyone is really nice and I've gotten to form relationships as I branched out around the departments. Set up week always flies by as well and the event raises lots of money to help various charities!

### **Midnight Star Films - Spare Change**

*Chicago, IL • 02/2023 - 04/2023*

- Second ever **Independent Short Film** project!
- **Creative Roles- Director, Producer, Writer, Camera OP/DP**
- Runtime- This project is currently in post production undergoing editing for a second cut. EST. 12-17 minutes
- Logline- After coming into the office looking like he got ran over by a freight train, an office worker quickly spins an elaborate web of lies in order to save what little self-image he has left. Desperate for respect, admiration, validation, and a very obvious escape from the endless ribbing, he fabricates an epic saga of a fight on the spot, complete with all the thrills of a Hollywood blockbuster. But as his tall tale continues to grow taller, and wilder, even he stumbles upon the humiliating forgotten truth rooted beneath all the chaos.

### **McAninch Arts Center At College Of Dupage - The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**

*Glen Ellyn, IL • 01/2023 - 04/2023*

- First ever stage play/theatre show!
- Auditioned and casted in DuPage College's Spring-Theater Show
- Played, Mr. Thompson and did heavy ensemble based work
- Was an amazing experience and really grew my passion for stage acting and theater performance.

### **College Of DuPage - Improvisational Acting Club**

*425 Fawell Blvd, MAC Room #188 • 09/2022 - 04/2023*

- After-School Improv Club Participant
- Student ran Improvisational Acting Club at College of DuPage's McAninch Arts Center. Took place every Thursday on Campus from 4-6pm in the acting room (MAC 188). Students met up for Improv games and practice, even having an actual Improv team that would go perform in live competitions. It was a lot of fun engaging in and really nice meeting the other film students (who were fellow directors, actors, writers & such). It helped me expand my friendships, meet new people, and have great connections!

### **Midnight Star Films - Addict**

*Chicago, IL • 01/2023 - 02/2023*

- First ever college-level **Independent Short Film**
- This was my application submission into Dodge!
- Runtime- 2 minutes 30 seconds
- **Creative Roles- Director, Producer, Writer, Production Designer**
- Logline- After a devastating breakup, a college student takes a leap back into the party scene, only to collide head-on with the very girl who shattered his world in the first place.

### **AWARDS/NOMINATIONS-**

*First-Time Filmmaker Sessions Lift-Off Global Network 2023 **FINALIST** - 'Best Cinematography' and 'Art Direction' in a First-Time Filmmaker. Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival 2023 **QUARTER FINALIST** Student World Impact Film Festival 2023 **OFFICIAL SELECTION** - 'Drama' and 'Super Short Film' Categories*

#### **VIZEIT Studios - Afterparty**

*Chicago, IL • 01/2023 - 01/2023*

- Casted & acted in first ever dialogue-driven short film!
- Runtime- 9 minutes 59 seconds
- **Creative Role- Key Actor "Max"**
- Logline- "A group of friends gets thrown into a nightmare scenario when they wake up the morning after a big party to find one of their close friends dead."
- This was a really fun set with a lot of my closer friends at my last college. Definitely an amazing learning experience

#### **AWARDS/NOMINATIONS-**

*Serbest International Film Festival (SIFF) 2023 **QUARTER FINALIST***

#### **VIZEIT Studios - Tradeoff**

*Chicago, IL • 11/2022 - 11/2022*

- Casted & acted in first ever short film Silent
- Runtime- 8 minutes 38 seconds
- **Creative Role- Key Actor "John"**
- Logline- "A college student heads into the forest for a suspicious business transaction, leading to physical altercation between the parties."

#### **AWARDS/NOMINATIONS-**

*Lift-Off Global Network Sessions 2022- **OFFICIAL SELECTION***

*Student World Impact Film Festival 2023- **OFFICIAL SELECTION***

*Experimental Awards London IFF 2023- **OFFICIAL SELECTION***

#### **Mikolaj Dabrowski - A Dumb Robbery**

*Chicago, IL • 11/2022 - 11/2022*

- **Creative Role- Key Actor**
- Created for classmates Film/Video Productions class at College of DuPage for Film/TV Productions Program.
- Logline- "When a Taxi Driver drops off a rich man at the airport for his newest big vacation trip, and finds himself to be left without a tip, the Taxi Driver plans a hit on his house, hoping to strike gold."

Helped fellow classmate shoot his class project last minute. This was a super small but really fun project with two friends. Lots of improvisation on lines was encouraged so it was just super funny.

#### **Honor Flight Chicago - VOLUNTEER WORK**

*Washington, DC • 04/2022 - 04/2022*

- Veteran Care-Taker & Guardian
- Attended the 100th Honor Flight Chicago to Washington DC for United States War Veterans. These would be veterans from Vietnam, World War II, and the Korean War. Included escorting and helping Elderly Veterans get to and from various Memorial sites, Museums, Events and flights. Assisted Veterans throughout their day of Honor, while getting to talk to and hear many of their stories. This plane consisted of 3 WWII veterans, 11 Korean War Veterans, and 102 Vietnam War Veterans. It was a great experience!

### **Magnificent Mutts Rescue - VOLUNTEER WORK**

*755 N. Wolf Road, Hillside 60162 • 03/2017 - 08/2021*

- Foster Parent/Home & Adoption Event Volunteer
- Cared for litters of rescue puppies until they turned 8 weeks old, at which point they would be taken to adoption events to find loving families and forever homes. This entailed cleaning and obviously caring for the puppies as well as actively socializing the dogs and crate training them. It was really great being able to meet all the different families and actually be able to help them choose the right buddy as well as help all the dogs find their new forever homes.

### **IFC (Midnight) Films, CFP \*Chicago Film Project\* - Knives & Skin Feature Length Film EXTRA**

*Lemont, IL • 07/2019 - 08/2019*

- Feature length film
- Runtime- 1 hour 51 minutes
- **Creative Role- FILM EXTRA in Football game audience and Carolyn search band sequences**
- Logline- "A mystical teen noir that follows a young girl's disappearance in the rural Midwest and its effect on teens and parents."

#### **AWARDS/NOMINATIONS-**

**2019 WINNER 'Best Cinematography'** - Tacoma Film festival

**2019 WINNER 'Special Mention'** - Chicago International Film Festival

**2019 Nominee 'Best Feature Film'** - Berlin International Film Festival

### **Feed My Starving Children - VOLUNTEER WORK**

*555 Exchange Ct • 01/2014 - 12/2018*

- Food Packer/Sorter & Volunteer
- Packed and sorted Meal preps to send off to Children in need. Attended multiple packing sessions over the years, but unfortunately have yet to return after Covid.

## **SURFING, SNOWBOARDING**

I just recently got accepted into and joined the Surf Club here at Chapman, and I'm super excited to get better with that, and I also have been snowboarding for maybe 4 years now and really love that as well.