

Ben Bergeron

FILMMAKER

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SUMMARY

I am Ben Bergeron, a writer, director and editor, from Ottawa, Ontario. I aim to use my art as a tool to engage youth in my local community and encourage talented people to succeed in the media arts field. After completing my formal education in Thunder Bay, I was given the opportunity to return home and assist in the development of Ottawa's film industry through a variety of film festivals, youth workshops, and client projects. I also began developing my own production company, which creates various commissioned projects to share valuable stories from our local community. In 2023, I created one narrative short film every month for an entire year, which amplified my directing and storytelling skills, and unlocked several new opportunities for me.

I really enjoy attending Film Festivals and engaging with other Canadian filmmakers, both from my own community and outside of it. The filmmaking community in Ottawa is continually growing and I aim to be an important part of that growth. I love collaborating with other filmmakers, especially new, young filmmakers, to tell stories from unique and diverse perspectives.

ARTS AND CULTURAL TRAINING & LEARNING

Confederation College

Sept 2017 - April 2019

Film Production - Ontario Colleges Diploma

Thunder Bay, ON

No-Budget Feature Film Blueprint

November 2023

Noam Kroll Academy - Online Course - Self Learned

Ottawa, ON

"Filmmaker Feedback" Workshop with Max McGuire

December 2023

Digi60 Filmmaker's Festival

Ottawa, ON

ARTISTIC & CULTURAL WORK PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC

Digi60 Filmmakers Festival

2019-2023

60-Day Challenge

Ottawa, ON

Successfully completed the challenge and screened a film at the festival for 5 consecutive years.

2019 - "Just Business" - Director, Editor

2020 - "Let's Make A Monster" - Writer, Director, Editor

2021 - "Phase III" - Director, Editor

2022 - "Murder On Busker Street" - Director, Editor

2023 - "Cassandra" - Writer, Director, Editor

Ottawa Comic-Con Film Festival

Sept 2023

Official Selection

Ottawa, ON

"Crashed!" - Director

Ottawa Indian Film Festival

June 2023

72 Hour Challenge

Ottawa, ON

"The Last Book I Read" - Director, Editor

Toronto 48-Hour Film Project

November 2023

"Sugar & Spice & Everything Morally Questionable" - Director, Editor

Ottawa, ON

Twelve Tales Films Screening

Upcoming

Sol One Productions

Ottawa, ON

"Twelve Tales" - Writer, Director, Editor

ARTISTS & COMMUNITY COLLABORATION ACTIVITIES

Gloucester High School - Bathroom Beautification Project **March 2023**
Community Artist - Media Arts **Ottawa, ON**

Worked with students and other community artists to develop a documentary cataloguing the beautification of the high school bathrooms. Mentored students on fundamentals of filmmaking.

Heron Gate Community Hub - Community Film Festival **2022-2023**
Youth Filmmaking Mentor **Ottawa, ON**

Worked with local youth to develop films to be screened at the Heron Gate community day

Frederick Banting High School **May 2023**
Diversity Video Project **Ottawa, ON**

Worked with students to develop a video promoting the school's diverse community.

ARTS & CULTURAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Youth Ottawa **Sept 2019 - Present**
Media Program Coordinator **Ottawa, ON**

Hot Shoe Productions **Feb. 2020 - Present**
Creative Director **Ottawa, ON**

TEACHING & MENTORSHIPS

Youth Active Media Program **Sept. 2019 - Present**
Ottawa Carleton District School Board, Youth Ottawa **Ottawa, ON**

Young Filmmakers Camp **July 2023**
Kanata Montessori School, Youth Ottawa **Ottawa, ON**

Pop-Up Film School **June 2023 & November 2023**
Reel Canada, Ottawa Film Office & Youth Ottawa **Ottawa, ON**
Ottawa, ON

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Kino Ottawa **Oct 2019-March 2020**
Volunteer Committee Member **Ottawa, ON**

Compiled short films, organized and set up projection equipment. Assisted in producing promotional content.

ARTIST TALKS, PRESENTATIONS & ARTICLES

Ottawa Comic-Con **Sept. 2023**
Ottawa Filmmakers Panel

Spoke on a panel with other local filmmakers regarding creative processes, as well as local community resources for artists. **Ottawa, ON**

Carleton University **Oct. 2023**
Carleton Film Society **Ottawa, ON**

Led an artist talk introducing film society members to the fundamentals of directing.

AWARDS & COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

OIFFA 72-Hour Film Challenge **June 2023**
Winner

Film "The Last Book I Read" Selected by OIFFA Jury as best film of the 2023 72-Hour Challenge

Digi60 Filmmaker's Festival **December 2021**
Top 5

Film "Phase III" selected as one of the top 5 films of the 2021 Festival

MEDIA COVERAGE

A Film-Makers Dozen: An Interview with Ben Bergeron and Colin Ziraldo from Twelve Tales Films **June 2023**

By Kat Lukin; Interview with myself and collaborator regarding filmmaking project; Clown House Arts Collective; [URL](#)

Talking Directing With Ben Bergeron **October 2023**
By Andrew Brannen; Interview with myself regarding my directing process; Pause It For Me Podcast; [URL](#)