

# KEN SIDNEY

Award-Winning Filmmaker | Colorist



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KEN Sidney is an up-and-coming filmmaker with an eye for cinematic & captivating visuals. His diverse skill set ranges from concept development, production and onto post-production. His work primarily centers around documentaries about social change, culture, and environmental topics. Sidney is passionate about telling stories from the side of life that not everyone stop to notice but are keeping our society running.

## Experience

2024 - Present

### Creative Director & Technical Lead *Media4Impacts (M4i)*

Partnering with Mr. Kun Chenda, Media & Communication specialist, in producing our latest project: Programme Achievement Recap video for the Cambodia Climate Change Alliance Phase 3 by working closely with the Ministry of Environment, the European Union (EU), and United Nations Development Project (UNDP).

2022 - Present

### Production Executive *Kampuchees Creative*

Lead Colorist & Assistant Camera for various commercial, short film and promo video projects with Prince Bank, Starbucks, ABA, Cellcard, DQ, Wing, CBVH etc. Colored short film "ថ្ងៃ" nominated as Finalist for CSFF 2023.

2018 - Present

### Filmmaker & Content Creator *Independent*

- Directed & filmed a short documentary "ជាតិវង្ស" for USAID's Cambodia Green Future Activities project under the theme of SBCC.
- Worked on 1st Winner short film for BREAKTHROUGH 2024 with Frame29.
- Color Graded short film "The Orange" which received Official Selection and had its international premiere at Singapore International Short Film Festival 2024.

## Achievements

November 2024

### Best Documentary Award Winner *Cambodia National Short Film Festival 4th Edition*

Co-directed & edited Respoken (2024), a short documentary about the fate of Lakhon Niyeay amidst the emerging digital age. Respoken was selected to screen at multiple cinemas across Cambodia during the festival period. It was voted on by the final round jury and won the award recognized by the Ministry of Culture & Fine Arts.

September 2024

### Official Selection in Documentary Category *Chaktomuk Short Film Festival 13th Edition*

Respoken held its local premiere at Major Cineplex Sorya during the duration of Chaktomuk Short Film Festival 2024.

June 2024

### 1st Place Winner for Galaxy Campus KH *Samsung Electronics*

Won the competition and became Samsung's Student Ambassador for most creative, high quality & engaging video and gained over 40K organic plays on Facebook.

## Training & Certificates

November 2024

### Chakto Script Writing Workshop

*Anti-Archive x Institut français du Cambodge*

Successfully developed a short film script "Smile Inc." in Dystopian genre and to go on a pitching session among 14 other scripts for grant by an international jury.

June 2024

### Scriptwriting 101 Workshop

*Write & Eat*

Completed the 8-week training program about industry-standard screenplays with 13 other scriptwriters from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and instructor from Singapore.

May 2024

### Video Editing & Color Grading Certificate

*Professional Institute of Cambodia x DMC*

May 2024

### Certified Colorist in Davinci Resolve

*Blackmagic Design*

## Passion

- Documentary
- Narrative Film
- Socially-relevant topics
- New-age genres

## Education



### Bachelor of Business Administration

*Paragon International University*

2021 - 2025



### High School Degree

*Hun Sen Skun High School*

2017 - 2021

## Skills

- English - Fluent & Professional
- Khmer - Mother tongue
- Interpersonal - Extensive Connections in Cambodia Cinema Industry with top directors & film professionals
- Screenplay & Scriptwriting
- Commercial Color Grading
- Cinema Camera Operation
- Video & Film Editing
- Drone Piloting
- Talent Direction
- Sound Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Photography

## References

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