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EDUCATION

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

May 2025

Bachelor of Fine Arts

- Four year program with a theoretical and practical approach to filmmaking.

FAMU, Prague, Czechia

May 2024

International 35mm Film Program

- Studied and practiced shooting on 35mm film in a intensive semester long abroad course.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Mr. Josh's Kool School, Syracuse, NY

November 2022 - July 2024

Creative Director

- Developed a unique, cohesive visual style for a children's YouTube series, establishing a strong and engaging brand identity.
- Created engaging videos designed to help children learn literacy skills.
- Filmed and edited over 50 episodes, posted weekly on the "Mr. Josh's Kool School" Youtube channel.

Immortal Cinema LLC, Remote

October 2022 - May 2023

Post-production Film Intern

- Collaborated editing with director, Noah Berlow. Worked on multi-cam post-production for multiple medium-to-high budget documentary productions.
- Provided detailed script coverage for projects under production consideration.

PROJECTS

Cordón - dir. Sandy Siquier & Alex Mendez, Memphis, NY

March 2025

2nd Assistant Director

- Collaborated with all departments on-set to ensure production is on schedule and budget.

Late House - dir. Justin Kumiega, Cazenovia, NY

February 2025

Executive Producer and 1st Assistant Director

- Cooperated closely with the director through pre-production to obtain locations, permits and cast/crew.
- Created all of the documentation, schedules and blueprints required during the three day production.

A Baleful Reunion, Syracuse, NY

October 2024

Writer/Director/Producer/Editor

- Directed a crew of 24 over a three-day shoot to produce a 20-minute real-time film set during a continuous time of day.

Fraying - dir. Stephen Cullina, Syracuse, NY

October 2024

Producer

- Acquired locations in New York for the setting of 12th century story.
- Coordinated crew logistics and production needs for a four-day shoot spanning 400 miles between locations.

Broomstick Ave - Independent Feature Film, San Francisco, CA

July 2024

2nd Assistant Camera

- Supported an eight-day production as 2nd AC, maintaining camera operations through severe heat and wind conditions.

Kill the Uncomfortable Silence - 35mm Short Film, Prague, Czechia

April 2024

1st Assistant Director

- Led scheduling and on-set coordination as 1st AD for a 35mm sci-fi short filmed in Prague with international cast and locations.

Pluralistic Ignorance - Educational Video, Syracuse, NY

October 2023

Creative Director/Editor

- Adapted a social psychology academic paper into a script and directed the creative team to produce an educational video.