

# Bella Thornton

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## EDUCATION

### Columbia College Chicago

May 2023

*Bachelor of Arts in Comedy Writing and Performance*

3.98 GPA, Faculty Recognition Award recipient, Dean's list for the entirety of the 4-year program.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### ReelShort, "Sweet Wild Bride of Mine" (Los Angeles, CA)

July 2025 - August 2025

*1st Assistant Director*

- As a consistent 1st AD on several vertical series, I create and manage the schedule in pre-production and on set while managing a cast and crew of over 30+ people, shooting 90+ pages in 8 days.

### NetShort, "Back in Time to Avenge Myself" (Los Angeles, CA)

June 2025 - July 2025

*1st Assistant Director*

- Stepping into a more directing-focused role, I shot-listed and coordinated the entirety of this shoot.

### ReelShort, "Doctor Boss is My Baby Daddy" (Los Angeles, CA)

April 2025 - May 2025

*1st Assistant Director*

- The show is currently #1 on the app, and has 147 million views to date.

### "The Tahquitz Myth" (Palm Springs, CA)

May 2025 - June 2025

*1st Assistant Director*

- An upcoming short film from Harrison Pierce shot in several locations in Palm Springs, CA, produced by Robin Conly of Crazy Maple Studios.

### Sereal+, "Cohabiting" (Los Angeles, CA)

January 2025 - February 2025

*1st Assistant Director*

- Via an ongoing relationship with Armstorg-Zhao productions, "Cohabiting Lover" is a smash hit on Sereal+.

### Honeyreels, "Love Lies" (Los Angeles, CA)

October 2024 - November 2024

*1st Assistant Director*

### ShortMax, "Scrubs Heartbeat" (Los Angeles, CA)

May 2024 - July 2024

*1st Assistant Director*

### MTV, "Help, I'm in a Secret Relationship!" (Los Angeles, CA)

September 2023 - March 2024

*Casting Assistant*

- Sought out potential stories for the producing team, including facilitating social media and interviewing leads.
- Managed casting grids and records for each round of the show along with handling schedules for producers and writing pitches.

### Mosaic Media Group (Los Angeles, CA)

January 2023 - May 2023

*Script Reader/Development Intern*

- Covered the desk of Molly Mandel and reception, coordinated lunch meetings for managers, and filmed/facilitated self-tapes for clients.

### Chicago Comedy Film Festival (Chicago, IL)

October 2021 - February 2022

*Assistant/Production Coordinator*

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## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

### Stowe Story Lab, Nyx Horror Collective Fellow

June 2025 - June 2025

### The Second City, Comedy Studies Semester

September 2023 - December 2023

### Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, Acting Shakespeare Summer Conservatory

June 2022 - August 2022

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## AWARDS/SKILLS

**Awards:** Los Angeles Screenplay Competition 3rd Place (2023) Nyx Horror Collective Fellow (2025) Final Draft Big Break Finalist (2025) Coverfly Red List, Top 4% (2023, 2024, 2025)

**Production:** Shot-listing, screenwriting, stripboard breakdowns, DOOD, call sheets, script coverage, call sheet preparation, on set management, talent liaising, and extensive scheduling.