



Willie Roots

EXPERIENCE

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Director|Independent Filmmaker AYCSO | Rochester, New York

- April 2024 - Current
- Directed and produced independent short films and creative projects, overseeing all phases of production, from pre-visualization to post production.
- Developed original scripts and adapted stories into compelling visual narrative
- Collaborated with cast and crew, managing schedules, budgets, and creative direction.
- Utilized professional equipment and software for cinematography, sound design, and editing.

Director of Photography Broken Rich Films | State of New York

- March 2023 - Current
- Managed lighting and camera setups for various shooting environments.
- Operated cameras and equipment to capture high-quality footage.
- assisted in selected locations that enhance film narratives and aesthetics.
- Edited and reviewed footage to align with creative vision of projects.
- Researched and implemented new filming technologies and techniques for efficiency. Analyzing scripts to determine best angles for each scene o shot composition.

Volunteer Math Teacher, Exploration Charter School | Rochester, New York,

- February 2024 - April 2024
- Facilitated interactive classroom activities to enhance students' understanding of mathematical concepts.
- Collaborated with colleagues to create a supportive learning environment for all students.
- Provided individualized support to students needing help with math skills.
- Collaborated with other teachers on the curriculum development and implementation strategies.

SUMMARY

Passionate and creative director and independent filmmaker with strong foundation in digital video production and cinematography. Skilled in storytelling, visual composition, and leading productions from concept to final cut. Experienced in managing crews, coordinating logistics, and brining narratives to life through short films and independent projects.

SKILLS

- Project Management
- Visual Storytelling
- Cinematography
- Script Development
- Team Collaboration
- Budget Management
- Editing Software
- Content Development
- Rules and Regulations
- Legal and Regulatory Compliance
- Industry Knowledge
- Intellectual Property Management
- Visionary Leadership
- Lighting and camera techniques
- Risk Management
- Verbal and Written Communications

EDUCATION

(expected in November 2026)

Bachelor of Arts | Digital Filming
LOS ANGELES FILM SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA

January 2011

Business Administration and Management |
AMERICAN INTERCONTINENTAL UNIVERSITY, Schaumburg, IL

June 2008

Constitutional Law
MARIST COLLEGE, Poughkeepsie, NY

JULY 2003

GED CERTIFICATE
JOB CORPS, Medina, NY

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

- Photography
- Advocate for Equal Justice
- Mentor at-risk youth
- Art Shows and Museums
- Music Production
- Chess and Writing
- Magna Cum Laude
- Selected Short Documentary at 2025 Digital Filmmakers Event
- Multiple wins as Pro Se Attorney

QUALIFIED BY GRACE