

JAGGER CARDINALE

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EDUCATION

Great Neck South High School, Great Neck, NY, Class of 2027

Overall GPA: 4.0

University of Southern California, School of Cinematic Arts Summer Intensive Program (John Ira Palmer), Los Angeles, CA, 2025 Overall GPA: 4.0

Farmingdale State College, College Marketing, Farmingdale, NY, 09/25-Present

St. John's University, Spanish College Conversation, Queens, NY, 09/25-Present

FILM EXPERIENCE

Second Skin, Great Neck South High School, **Writer, Director, Cinematographer, Editor**, 10/25

- A short film about a teenage girl's pursuit of physical perfection that spirals into self-destruction.

The Janitor's Closet, University of Southern California, School of Cinematic Arts, **Writer, Director, Editor**, 07/25

- A short film about a kleptomaniac janitor who battles with his inner demons.

Full Mugs of Coffee, University of Southern California, School of Cinematic Arts, **Editor & Sound Recordist/Designer**, 07/25

- A tender short film about a married woman who goes through her day trying to distract herself while grieving.

Through My Eyes, University of Southern California, School of Cinematic Arts, **Writer, Director, Editor**, 07/25

- A short film about a college student trying to be accepted, but his colorblindness seems to cause obstacles.

The Rhythm Within, Great Neck South High School, **Writer, Director, Cinematographer, Editor**, 12/24

- A short film about a once-passionate dancer who finds herself trapped in the relentless pursuit of perfection.

The Echoes of Elara, Great Neck South High School, **Writer, Director, Cinematographer, Editor**, 10/24

- A suspenseful short film about the legend of Elara, a witch whose soul-harvesting power strikes on stormy nights.

The Bright Side of Grey, Great Neck South High School, **Writer, Director, Cinematographer, Editor**, 09/24

- A short film about a teenage girl's dull and lifeless world and the imaginary friend who brings color into her life.

HONORS & AWARDS

- **The Telly Awards, 2025 - *The Echoes of Elara*, Silver Emerging Talent Award**
- **All American High School Film Festival, 2025 - *The Rhythm Within*, Official Selection**
- **New York Film Alliance, 2025 - *The Echoes of Elara*, Silver Best Horror - *The Bright Side of Gray*, Silver Best Drama**
- **Long Island Youth Film Festival, 2025 - *The Echoes of Elara*, Best High School Short - *The Bright Side of Gray*, Finalist *The Rhythm Within*, Official Selection**
- **Rochester Teen Film Festival, 2025 - *The Echoes of Elara*, Best Director**
- **Astoria Youth Film Festival, 2025 - *The Echoes of Elara*, Official Selection**
- **Long Island Media Arts Show, 2025 - *The Rhythm Within*, Official Nominee**
- **Tri-M Music Honor Society**, Trim-M Chapter 2736, 2023-Present
- **International Thespian Society**, Thespian Troupe 7486, 2023-Present

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Co-Founder of 7Miles Studios Film Production Company, 09/24-Present

- Led 25+ team to write, direct, and edit shorts; featured in Long Island Press & Newsday; 10 national and regional awards.

Multi-Media Editor in Chief, **The Southerner Newspaper**, Great Neck South High School, 09/25-Present

- Led and collaborated with a team to develop news video content, instructed Premiere Pro & camera skills.

Director of Media, Student Government, Great Neck South High School, 09/25-Present

- Filmed and edited monthly school events, and implemented strategic online content.

Social Media Manager of American Sign Language Club, Great Neck South High School, 09/23-Present

- Created content to increase deaf awareness, promoted events & student involvement; 20.4k profile views in 6 weeks

Co-Leader of Improvisation Club, Great Neck South High School, 09/23-Present

- Facilitated weekly group drama activities for a group of 10+, fostering creative expression and teamwork.

Actor, Theatre South Musical Productions, Great Neck South High School, 09/23-Present

- *Guys and Dolls*, 2025 (Benny & Lead Male Dancer), *Legally Blonde*, 2024 (Warner), *The Addams Family*, 2023 (Lucas)

Actor, Theatre South Opera Productions, Great Neck South High School, 09/23-Present

- *The Tales of Hoffman* 2025 (Dappertuto/Luther), *Die Fledermus* 2024 (Frank), *La Boheme* 2023 (Prison Warden)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Social Media Video Producer, We Hear You Long Island, Nonprofit Organization, 2024-Present

- Filmed and edited fundraising event videos to raise awareness and support children who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Film Production & Television Independent Study, Great Neck Public Schools, 09/2023-Present

- Directed, filmed and edited live district events broadcasted on public cable GNPS TV.

Production Assistant Internship, GNPS TV, Great Neck Public Schools, Summer 2024

- Assisted with editing district events, broadcasted on public cable station GNPS TV; organized the studio and equipment

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Software Proficiencies: Adobe Systems - Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Lightroom, Google Drive, Dragon Frame

Gear Proficiencies: Sony A74 (self-owned), Sony FX3, Sony FX30, Sony FX6, Sony A7iii, Canon DSLR, Minolta X700 (35mm film)