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### FILMOGRAPHY:

#### **ICARUS STOPS FOR BREAKFAST**

(HI DEF)

PRODUCER: WEIRD SISTERS & BELOW THE BELT

MARCH 2019

[WWW.ICARUSSTOPSFORBREAKFAST.COM](http://WWW.ICARUSSTOPSFORBREAKFAST.COM)

#### **AWARDS:**

*BEST AMERICAN SHORT – WALLACHIA INT FF 2020*

*BEST DIRECTOR SHORT FILM – HUNTER MOUNTAIN FF 2020*

*BEST SHORT FILM – AASHA FF, INDIA 2020*

*BEST SHORT FILM – ANDROMEDA FF, TURKEY*

*BEST DIRECTOR EXPERIMENTAL FILM – BRAZIL INT FF*

*BEST SHORT – ANDROMEDA FF 2020*

*BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM – LA INDEPENDENT CHANNEL FF2020*

*BEST COMEDY MONTHLY NOMINEE – ASSURDO FF*

*BEST COMEDY HONORABLE MENTION – PIMFF 2020*

*WINNER COMEDY SHORT – KOSICE INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY FILM FESTIVAL*

*BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM – SICILY INDIE FILM AWARDS 2020*

*BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM – TORONTO SHORT FILM CHANNEL FF 2020*

*REMI AWARD WINNER – BEST DARK COMEDY - WORLDVEST HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL FILM AND VIDEO FF '20*

*HONORABLE MENTION WINNER – KATRA SUMMER SERIES 2020*

*HONORABLE MENTION WINNER – ATHENS INTERNATIONAL ART FF, GREECE 2020*

*BEST WOMEN FILM – CALCUTTA INTERNATIONAL CULT FF 2019*

*BEST DARK COMEDY – HOLLYWOOD BLOOD HORROR FESTIVAL 2019*

*AUDIENCE AWARD WINNER – DIRECTOR CIRCLE FESTIVAL OF SHORTS 2019*

*SEMI FINALIST – NIGHT OF COMEDY SHORTS, ITALY 2020*

*FINALIST - LONELY WOLF INT FF 2020*

*FINALIST – VESUVIUS FF 2020*

*SEMIFINALIST - VENICE SHORTS 2020*

*SEMIFINALIST - DUMBO FF 2020*

*GO INDI FILM, NYWIFT SHORTS FF - RUNNER UP BEST FANTASY, BEST ACTRESS CATHERINE CURTAIN*

#### **FESTIVAL SELECTION:**

*MARYLAND INTERNATIONAL FF, MAINE INTERNATIONAL FF, RAINIER INDEPENDENT FF, CALCUTTA INTERNATIONAL CULT FF, HOLLYWOOD BLOOD HORROR FESTIVAL, BALI INTERNATIONAL FF, YoFiFest Yonkers FF, DIRECTOR CIRCLE FESTIVAL OF SHORTS, SHORT FILM MOVIE CLUB FF( UNFILTERED CINEMA SECTION) BELARUS, NYWIFT SHORTS FF, NY WORLDVEST HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL FILM AND VIDEO FF, MONTREAL INDIE FF, AFTER HOUR FF, KESARI MOVIE AWARDS, MONTHLY INDIE AWARDS, THE LONG ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM EXPO, LA SHORT FILM CHANNEL FF, PRAGUE INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY FF, KOSICE INT MONTHLY FF, VENICE SHORTS FF, TORONTO SHORT FILM CHANNEL, ASSURDO FILM FESTIVAL, ANDROMEDA FF, KATRA SUMMER SERIES, HUNTER MOUNTAIN FF, VESUVIUS FF, SICILY INDEPENDENT FILM AWARDS, 4<sup>TH</sup> DIMENSION IND FF, BALI*

#### **MARY & LOUISE**

(HI DEF)

PRODUCER: WEIRD SISTERS & STAATSFACORY

OCTOBER 2014

[WWW.MARYANDLOUISE.COM](http://WWW.MARYANDLOUISE.COM)

#### **AWARDS:**

*BEST SHORT FILM SCREENPLAY – LA COMEDY FILM FESTIVAL, JUNE 2012*

*BEST TEASER - BRITT PENROD AUDIENCE AWARD 2014*

*AWARD OF MERIT SPECIAL MENTION: WOMEN FILMMAKERS - ACCOLADE GLOBAL FILM COMPETITION*

*BEST COMPOSER SCORE- GARDEN STATE FF 2015*

*BEST INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM - VIDEO FESTIVAL IMPERIA, ITALY 2016*

*FINALIST - SHORT FILM SHARER 2016*

*BEST FILM – BEDFORD FALLS FF 2019*

#### **FESTIVAL SELECTION:**

*NEW YORK CITY INTERNATIONAL FF, CAYMAN INTERNATIONAL FF, MOUNT RAINIER INTERNATIONAL FF, ACCOLADE GLOBAL FILM COMPETITION, MAINE INTERNATIONAL FF, TMFF (ONLINE), GARDEN STATE FF, ENDLESS MOUNTAIN FF, VIDEO FESTIVAL IMPERIA ITALY, FESTIVAL INTERNAZIONALE DEL CINEMA D'ARTE ITALY, JAHORINA FILM FESTIVAL, SHORT FILM SHARER, SILVER DOLLAR FF, EKURHULENI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, TIF VIDEO CHALLENGE, OZARK SHORT FF, INDIEWISE VIRTUAL FESTIVAL, LADY PARTS FF, 31ST INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL BERLIN, FANBOY FILM FESTIVAL, BEDFORD FALLS FF, OSHKOSH FF*

#### **HERE'S WHAT I LIKE, RUSSIAN LIT! AND NOW I'LL TELL YOU WHY**

(DIGITAL WEBSERIES)

PRODUCER: STAATSFACORY

OCTOBER 2011

**HERE'S WHAT I LIKE, FASHION AND FLOWERS! AND NOW I'LL TELL YOU WHY**  
(DIGITAL WEBSERIES)

PRODUCER: STAATSFACOTRY  
NOV 2010

**FESTIVAL SELECTION:**

BIG VISION EMPTY WALLET'S COMEDY NIGHT NY, BROOKLYN GIRL FESTIVAL, CHASHAMA FESTIVAL NY, GARDEN STATE FILM FESTIVAL, HOLLYWOOD SHORTS FESTIVAL, LA COMEDY FILM FESTIVAL 2011, TRIMEDIA FILM, WINTER FILM AWARDS, VICTORIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL TX,

**HERE'S WHAT I LIKE, FRUIT! AND NOW I'LL TELL YOU WHY**  
(DIGITAL WEBSERIES)

PRODUCER: STAATSFACOTRY  
SEPT 2009

**FESTIVAL SELECTION:**

LA COMEDY FILM FESTIVAL 2010

**PLAY BALL! A TRILOGY OF BASEBALL FILMS**

**FANFARE FOR A COMMON MAN**

(35MM B/W)

PRODUCER: WEIRD SISTERS  
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: ROBIN O'HARA & SCOTT MACAULAY  
JUNE 2006

**RANDOM ACTS OF INTIMACY**

(35MM B/W)

PRODUCER: WEIRD SISTERS  
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: ROBIN O'HARA & SCOTT MACAULAY  
JUNE 2006

**CAUGHT IN TIME**

(16 MM B/W)

PRODUCER: WEIRD SISTERS  
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: ROBIN O'HARA & SCOTT MACAULAY  
JUNE 2001

**PLAY BALL! AWARDS AND FESTIVAL SELECTION:**

|                                                                                                                                                    |                                      |
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| 1ST PRIZE - BEST DIRECTOR FOR SHORT FILM                                                                                                           | MORE MAGAZINE/WOMEN IN FILM, LA      |
| (SHORT FILM PANEL OF JUDGES; JAMIE LEE CURTIS, GALE ANN HURD, AMY HECKERLING, SUSAN SEIDELMAN, ALISON JANNEY, ANDIE MACDOWELL AND CATHERINE WYLER) |                                      |
| BEST SHORT FILM (DRAMA)                                                                                                                            | BACK EAST PICTURE SHOW               |
| BEST EXPERIMENTAL SHORT                                                                                                                            | ZOIEFILM FESTIVAL                    |
| BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM                                                                                                                             | VALLEYFEST FILM FESTIVAL             |
| BEST SHORT SUBJECT                                                                                                                                 | RIVERRUN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL |
| SPECIAL JURY AWARD                                                                                                                                 | SAVANNAH FILM AND VIDEO FESTIVAL     |
| FINALIST                                                                                                                                           | USA FILM FESTIVAL                    |
| NOMINATION/OSCARZ AWARD                                                                                                                            | OHIO INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL       |
| AUDIENCE AWARD SHORT FILM RUNNER UP                                                                                                                | CHASHAMA FILM FESTIVAL, NY           |
| SHEA STADIUM DIAMONDTRON SCREENINGS AT NEW YORK METS GAMES, 2002 SEASON                                                                            |                                      |

**PLAY BALL! FESTIVAL SELECTION:**

BERLIN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – PANORAMA, CAPALBIO CINEMA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, CANNES DIRECTORS FORTNIGHT, CHASHAMA FESTIVAL NY, DURANGO FILM FESTIVAL, FIC BRAZILIA INT FILM FESTIVAL, GARDEN STATE FILM FESTIVAL, GREENWICH FILM FESTIVAL, HOLLYWOOD SHORTS FESTIVAL, HUMBOLDT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, LAKE HAVASU FILM FESTIVAL, NATIONAL RUSSIAN CINEMA FESTIVAL MOSCOW, NEWPORT INT FILM FESTIVAL, PACIFIC PALISADES FILM FESTIVAL, SEATTLE INT FILM FESTIVAL, SEDONA INT FILM FESTIVAL, HALL OF FAME FILM FESTIVAL – COOPERS TOWN, GARDEN STATE FILM FESTIVAL - NJ, HIGH FALLS FILM FESTIVAL, QUEENS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, SPORTS MOVIES AND TV – MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL FICTS FESTIVAL, SEDONA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, SAN FERNANDO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL.

**THE LAUNCH**

(DIGITAL)

PRODUCER: WEIRD SISTERS & HOWARD PRODUCTIONS  
JAN 2009

**RHYTHM LOCURA – DANCE PROMO NY GAY LATINO**

(DIGITAL)

PRODUCER: DAVID MAURICE SHARPE  
NOV 2007

**REVERSE PSYCHO - MUSIC VIDEO**

FEATURING SHERRY

(DIGITAL)

PRODUCER: WEIRD SISTERS

JANUARY 2002

**RELATED EXPERIENCE:**

\* **DIRECTOR/PRODUCER – FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF WEIRD SISTERS FILM COMPANY – DEVOTED TO PRODUCING FILMS BY WOMEN**

**(1999 – PRESENT)**

\* **ACADEMIA - ADJUNCT PROFESSOR**

**TISCH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS - GRADUATE FILM AND TV DIRECTOR PROGRAM,  
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**

**(2013 – PRESENT)**

**COURSES: DIRECTING THE ACTOR III AND ACTING CRAFT I,II**

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – GRADUATE FILM AND TV DIRECTOR PROGRAM**

**COURSES: DIRECTING THE ACTOR III**

\* **DIRECTOR - SLOAN WORKS IN PROGRESS –TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL + INSTITUTE  
(2011 TO 2015)**

\* **MEMBER LIFE ENSEMBLE STUDIO THEATRE**

\* **MEMBER ACTORS STUDIO DIRECTOR/PLAYWRIGHT UNIT**

\* **MEMBER OF CINEFEMME**

\* **MEMBER NYWIFT**

\* **BOARD MEMBER LPTW**

\* **MEMBER OF WOMEN IN ARTS AND MEDIA (WAM)**