

Inclusion and Diversity Statement:

When assembling our team of collaborators for WRETCHED, we prioritized diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our goal was to create a safe and inclusive work environment where everyone, regardless of their background, felt valued and was invited to meaningfully contribute to the project. To achieve this, we intentionally sought out collaborators from diverse communities, and our team included women, non-binary, queer, Native-American, and Latinx individuals. Additionally, we made a concerted effort to involve both seasoned professionals and up-and-coming filmmakers including college and even high school students. This provided an opportunity for valuable networking and mentorship opportunities for a young (and decidedly more diverse) generation of creators. While on set, we deliberately created an atmosphere in which everyone was encouraged to bring their unique perspectives and experiences to the creative process. This approach ultimately helped us craft a story that speaks to the shared experiences of our society. After principal production ended on the film, we had numerous members of our team reach out to us, expressing how pleased they were to be a part of the project and to work in such an open and inclusive environment.