

CHRISTOPHER ORTEGA

AWARD-WINNING WRITER/DIRECTOR

DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

JIG REELS STUDIOS - DIRECTOR -PASADENA,CA AUG 2022

- JAN 2024

Managed clients and directed high quality short films in a fast-paced environment.

"WRITE THIS"- DIRECTOR – LOS ANGELES FEB 2024

Short film directed for client

<https://vimeo.com/ortegacinema/writethis?share=copy>

PW: Hitchcock

"TITLE 26"- DIRECTOR – LOS ANGELES FEB 2023

Award Nominated short film directed for client

<https://vimeo.com/ortegacinema/title26?share=copy>

PW: Hitchcock

"BOY NO FEAR- INTO THE PEARL OF AFRICA"- DIRECTOR – 2022

Documentary Short Film. Behind the Scenes Documentary - [https://](https://vimeo.com/ortegacinema/boynofeardoc?share=copy)

vimeo.com/ortegacinema/boynofeardoc?share=copy

PW: Hitchcock

"ONEIRONAUT" - DIRECTOR/ PRODUCER – 2020

Short film with Netflix star Brandon P. Bell. Diversity at Cannes 2020 Official

Selection. <https://vimeo.com/ortegacinema/oneironaut?share=copy>

PW :Hitchcock

FELLOWSHIPS & TRAINING

ARRAY -LIBERATED TERRITORY FELLOWSHIP - LOS ANGELES -SEP 2021

Workshopped screenplay in masterclass. Served as an understudy of film director Haile Gerima.

NETFLIX- DIRECTOR'S SHADOW – ATLANTA, GA 2021

Shadowed dir. Juel Taylor on Netflix Movie "They Cloned Tyrone.

THE STELLA ADLER ACADEMY OF ACTING AND THEATRE AUDIT - LOS ANGELES 2020

Intensive workshop on scene & character analysis, directing actors.

THE ACTOR'S DIRECTOR WORKSHOP - LOS ANGELES 2018

PROTOTYPE - WRITER-DIRECTOR – 2018

USC Thesis Short Film. American Black Film Festival Selection 2018. Atlanta

Sci Fi Film Festival Audience Award Winner. Dust Sci-Fi Channel. [https://](https://vimeo.com/253721283?share=copy)

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"THE LOCKER" - INTERACTIVE MEDIA – 2016

Interactive Media. Indiecade 2016 Official Selection

"RICO'S LAST FIGHT" WRITER-DIRECTOR – 2015

USC Short Film. Selected as Exemplary work for use in editing courses at

USC. <https://vimeo.com/112771140?share=copy> PW: Hitchcock

"HOODWINKED" WRITER-DIRECTOR – 2014

USC Short Film

"THE NIGHT TERROR" WRITER-DIRECTOR – 2014

USC Short Film. Edward Troutner Scholarship Winner.

SYMPATHY - WRITER-DIRECTOR – 2013

Short Film 2nd Place in the National "Her Story Film Festival" [https://](https://vimeo.com/ortegacinema/sympathy?share=copy)

vimeo.com/ortegacinema/sympathy?share=copy PW: Hitchcock

Taught by Gary Hershberger & Sheryl Lee. 2 Day Intensive workshop on scene & character analysis, directing actors.

ANTHONY MEINDL ACTING CLASS AUDIT - LOS ANGELES 2018

Acting Course taught by Anthony Meindl.

VIACOM/ BET NETWORKS - DIRECTOR'S ASSISTANT – LOS ANGELES JUN - AUG 2016

TV Show "Rebel" dir. by John Singleton. Organized & Delivered Scripts,

Call Sheets & Sides. Coordinated a team of 50 or more crew members,

Escorted high profile cast.

SKILLS

Final Cut Pro, Compressor, Adobe Premiere, Photoshop, Illustrator, Visual Effects & Motion Graphics, Look Book Design, Screenwriting, Script Analysis, Social Media Content Creation, Avid Media Composer & Protocols, DaVinci Resolve

EDUCATION

USC SCHOOL OF CINEMATIC ARTS – MFA IN FILM & TV PRODUCTION MAGNA CUM LAUDE- DEC 2017

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE – BA IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, EMPHASIS IN FINANCE; CINEMA TELEVISION & EMERGING MEDIA STUDIES MINOR CUM LAUDE- MAY 2013

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