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Profile

Co-owner of small women-owned media production company. Experienced filmmaker - narrative and documentary screenwriting, directing and producing.

Experience

AYSLUM SEEKERS TRAILER, Cipher Productions, New York, NY - current

Script Writer for trailer of feature film premiering at CineVegas 2009.

FROM THE CANYON FLOOR, OSP, New York, NY - current

Creative Producer on documentary film about adventure racer Danelle Ballengee. Currently in development with plans to shoot interviews and Primal Quest 2009.

AMERICAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM, Columbia University, New York, NY - 2007-current

Associate Professor teaching story development and basic screenwriting to upper-level English language learners.

SCRAPBIDEO PROJECTS, OPS, New York, NY - 2007-current

Filmmaker of original short-form documentaries of travel and social events.

LIVE PERFORMANCE EVENTS, OSP, New York, NY - 2008-current

Director of Photography and editor for recordings of live theatre and musical performances.

COLLEGE NOW, Hunter College, New York, NY - 2007-2008

Originator, Teacher and Director of English language development programming for high school students in the college context. *As Soon As I Find My Voice* was a live performance course. *Voice and Vision Video Workshop* was a mini-filmmaking course.

CONTEMPLATING EMILY, OSP, New York, NY - 2003-2008

Writer/Director of short narrative film. Premiered at LA's Outfest 2006 and was part of the Short Film Corner, Cannes Film Festival 2007.



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Professional Qualifications Summary

- Instructor and Language Consultant of English as a Second or Foreign Language in all areas including writing, grammar and accent reduction - ten years experience
- Curriculum developer in ESL/EFL, drama and performance
- Director and Producer of theatre, film and commercial productions
- Professional Actor with expertise in teaching acting and performance
- Originator of a writing and performance course
- Self starter of a film project that has included writing a feature script and producing a short film
- Private English coach to Argentine film and television star, Leonardo Sbaraglia

Education

The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. Master of Fine Arts, Professional Actor Training Program

Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH. Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, Theatre Major, Spanish Minor

Distinctions

- CUNY/PSC Professional Development Grant 2007 for travel to Taiwan for film production development
- Selected for Marquis Who's Who of American Women 2006 and 2007
- MacDowell Colony Residential Fellowship for Filmmaking 2005
- Scholastic Grant, The International Film and Television Workshops to attend Master Screenwriting workshop with Janet Roach 2006
- High School Valedictorian, Burlington, IA

Professional Affiliations

- Actors' Equity Association
- The Screen Actors Guild
- Shooting People

Referrals

Available upon request