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Professional Summary

Resourceful and award-winning filmmaker with 4+ years of hands-on experience in pre-production, on-set support, and post-production editing. Proficient in Adobe Creative Cloud, sound design, script development, and lighting for digital content. Adept at managing fast-paced shoots and collaborating across departments to ensure a streamlined workflow from prep to final export.

Education

William Paterson University of New Jersey — BA in Communication - Media Production
July 2021 – May 2025 | GPA: 3.5 | Dean's List

Production Experience

Video Editor & Voice Actor – Bronx Incorporated (Feature)

Jerzey Film Productions | May 2025 – Present

- - Edited teaser trailer from full-length feature footage.
- - Recorded radio voiceover for in-film scene, working closely with sound post team.

Sound Mixer – Hawaiian Punch (Short Film)

Out Of Grey Productions | May 2025

- - Captured on-location dialogue with high-quality sound gear.
- - Ensured audio tracks were clean and sync-ready for post-production.

Gaffer / Key Grip – Folly of Fish (Short Film)

Out Of Grey Productions | Mar 2025

- - Designed and implemented lighting setups to match director's visual tone.
- - Operated grip equipment while maintaining set safety protocols.

Director, Editor, Writer – What The Heart Wants (Short Film)

NOWHR Productions | Oct 2024

- - Led production from scriptwriting through final cut.
- - Directed 2-day shoot and co-edited final version for festival submission.
- - Winner: Best College Film & 1st Place Advanced Film – WPUNJ Film Festival.

Director, Editor, Writer – Obsession (Short Film)

NOWHR Productions | Apr 2024

- - Solo-executed a short narrative, from storyboarding to shooting and final edit.
- - Completed entire film in a one-day turnaround.

Director, Editor, Writer – Goodbye (Short Film)

NOWHR Productions | Nov 2023

- - Conducted rehearsals and managed a small production team for a short film.
- - Finalized script over five drafts to match tone and pacing.
- - Winner: 1st Place Beginner Film – WPUNJ Film Festival.

Technical Skills

Editing/Post: Adobe Premiere Pro, After Effects, DaVinci Resolve, Photoshop, AVID, Canva, Instagram, TikTok, and X

Production: Camera operation (Sony, Blackmagic, Canon), lighting, boom audio, script breakdown

Pre/Post: Script writing, color grading, visual continuity, project management

Software: Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, Slack, and Google Docs

Awards

Best College Film – Rutherford Film Festival

1st Place Beginner Film – WPUNJ Film Festival (Goodbye)

1st Place Advanced Film – WPUNJ Film Festival (What The Heart Wants)