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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:

Creative individual with a strong background in storytelling, event hosting, media production, innovated thinking, and working well within both collaborative and individual environments.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS:

Acting, screenwriting, soundtrack scoring, communication, detail-oriented, time management, leadership, producing.

WORK EXPERIENCE

FILMMAKER HOST/CREW MEMBER

GARDEN STATE FILM FESTIVAL ASBURY PARK, NJ | 2024 - CURRENT

- Selected to conduct interviews with the directors, producers, writers, actors, etc. who had films playing at the festival, with the goal of getting a better understanding of their films while also trying to market the films to viewers in the months leading up to the festival.
- Interviews lasted 10-15 minutes and were live streamed on the festivals Facebook and YouTube pages.
- Learned an immense amount of information regarding filmmaking and what goes into the creation of an individual's art.

2nd ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/LEAD PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

"INTO THE BLACK" – FEATURE FILM, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NJ – 2nd AD, LEAD PA | 2025

- Responsible for the safe transportation of actors both to and from set.
- Was the personal actor assistant for notable talent involved in the production.
- Appeared in some scenes as a "Background" actor.

"MICKEY AND DYLAN" FEATURE FILM, MONMOUTH COUNTY NJ – LEAD PA | 2025

- Responsible for the collection and management of all the extras involved in the film
- Was asked to work "Background:" in key scenes
- Given the task of "Fire Watching" equipment throughout the shoot.

ENTERTAINMENT/TALENT

"SMOKE BREAK" – MAIN ACTOR, SHORT FILM, MATAWAN, NJ | 2025

- First official experience working in an acting capacity, was able to learn on the go the processes behind the scenes that go into making a movie of this scale.
- Was the sole actor/character of the short that's purpose was to attract potential funders for upcoming feature film aspirations.

"BUSTER" – MASCOT, JERSEY SHORE BLUECLAWS, LAKEWOOD, NJ | 2024 - CURRENT

- Perform at games, parades, commercials, and many more events and appearances as the team's mascot "Buster".
 - Have been using this role as an opportunity to work and perfect skills as an actor, including but not limited to improvisation, physical humor, mime work, etc.
 - Given permission to use personal creativity to plan and perform several skits, bits, etc. as Buster, with most having gone viral on social media as a result.
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EDUCATION

University of Maryland College Park, MD

- Bachelor of Arts in Communication, History Minor, Scholarship Student-Athlete | Graduation May – 2018