



Hakima Benjamin

Independent Filmmaker

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Independent Filmmaker with over 7 years of experience managing all aspects of narrative film production, from script development and budgeting to directing and on-set operations. Skilled in coordinating logistics, securing locations, and leading teams to deliver projects on time and within budget while maintaining creative vision. Adept at elevating production quality and driving audience engagement through iterative feedback and advanced filming techniques.

Employment history

Director/Writer/Producer, Jul 2023 - Jun 2025

Plainfield, NJ

- Coordinated location logistics to meet shooting schedule and budget, reducing downtime by measurable amounts.
- Managed procurement of wardrobe, props, and equipment to maintain visual continuity and lower rework rates.
- Directed cast and crew to resolve on-set issues and consistently meet shooting milestones on time.

Director/Writer/Producer, Feb 2021 - May 2022

Piscataway, NJ

- Led script development and directed full production to on-time completion within scheduled timeline.
- Managed production budget and vendor contracts to deliver measurable cost savings.
- Directed cast and crew to improve on-set communication and resolve logistics issues quickly.

Unit Production Manager (UPM), Label Maker Media, Jan 2021 - Apr 2021

New York, NY

- Managed production budget for personnel, equipment, and services to keep costs within approved limits.
- Coordinated location scouting and negotiated site agreements to secure shoot venues on schedule.
- Organized transportation logistics for cast and crew to ensure timely daily call times.

Script Supervisor, Soul on Fire, Oct 2020 - Dec 2020

Newark, NJ

- Coordinated script breakdowns for costume, location, and lighting to ensure accurate daily shoot plans.
- Delivered clear continuity reports to editors and post team, reducing reshoot needs and timeline delays.
- Tracked scene timing and shot lists to maintain production schedule and minimize overtime costs.

First Assistant Director, One Soul Productions, Aug 2020 - Sep 2020

Brooklyn, NY

- Led daily production logistics and call sheet creation to ensure on-set readiness and punctuality, improving start-time adherence.
- Coordinated cast and crew schedules with weekly check-ins to reduce scheduling conflicts and increase on-set availability.
- Resolved on-set issues swiftly to maintain shooting continuity and meet planned timelines, minimizing downtime.

Co-Producer/Post-Production Manager, Shine Black Art and Film, Jul 2018 - Aug 2020

Newark, NJ

- Coordinated designers and production teams to deliver festival-ready film assets by deadline.
- Managed community partner meetings to resolve filming logistics and reduce stakeholder conflicts.
- Implemented post-production quality-control checks that improved final edit consistency and reliability.

Skills

Film Direction

Screenwriting

Project Management

Collaboration

Budget Planning

Problem Solving

Visual Storytelling