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Education

New York University, Tisch School of the Arts

New York, NY

Film and Television | Bachelor of Fine Arts (expect to graduate one year in advance)

2023.09 - 2026.05

- Dean's List for Academic Year 2023-2024 & 2024-2025

The King's Academy

West Palm Beach, FL

High School

2021.08 - 2023.06

- First-place Winner of the 2023 Pathfinders Award for Communications, granted by *The Palm Beach Post*

Curricular Practical Training

12 Ant Productions

West Palm Beach, FL

Sound & Graphic Designer (Remote) | *Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic (KOTOR)*

2025.09.11 - 2025.12.12

- Design sound effects that faithfully echo the original game from which the fan film is adapted
- Edit dialogue, record ADR, and mix multi-track audio (ambience, Foley, SFX) for KOTOR
- Deliver finalized sound design tracks, mixed audio files, and additional materials required by the Producer
- Design movie posters for other theatrical films and straight-to-streaming films undertaken by the company

The King's Academy, Studio 70

West Palm Beach, FL

Production Designer (Full-time) | Fan Film *Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic*

2025.06.26 - 2025.08.12

- Created an art book for the film, including reference art and design choices
- 3D modeled, printed, and hand-painted physical props for use on set
- Applied SFX makeup, including sculpting prosthetic scars, painting skin tones, and contouring
- Built and dressed physical set in tandem with LED volumes

Production Designer/Sound Editor (Full-time) | Adventure Movie *Iron Dusk*

2024.06.03 - 2024.08.02

- Directed a 12-member art team in developing the visual design concept based on the script
- Created medieval-meets-sci-fi assets across virtual production environments
- Led a 2-member sound team (average age 15) through all audio production phases, and worked with a professional sound designer through post-production dialogue editing and sound effects implementation

Internships

Hongdao Film (Wuxi) Co., Ltd.

Huizhou, Guangdong

Production Assistant | Mystery Series *The Silent Storm* (谷雨)

2024.12.25 - 2025.01.04

- Learned the onset workflow of the renowned director/producer Mr. LI Lu
- Utilized Previs Pro to create 3D previsualizations for the cinematography and lighting departments, documenting camera coverage and shot compositions for multiple scenes
- Scheduled for streaming on Youku and broadcasting on China Media Group in late 2025

Tencent Pictures

Hengdian, Zhejiang

Production Assistant | Costume Drama Series *Blossom* (九重紫)

2023.12.26 - 2024.01.02

- Participated in creating shooting schedules that outlined what scenes would be shot for each shooting day
- Reviewed the set design before each day's shoot and created lighting diagrams for each setup
- Maintained detailed records of scenes shot to monitor continuity during shoots
- Utilized eco-friendly biodegradable materials to make practical snow effects
- Wrote a report on how the Hollywood producer-centered film system could be applied to the Chinese commercial film production

Guangzhou Blue Arc Culture Communication Co., Ltd.

Guangzhou, Guangdong

Production Assistant | Animated Movie *Chibi Maruko Chan: The Fantastic Notebook*

2023.08.09 - 2023.08.25

- Supported the director team in schedule management and storyboard review
- Trained in DaVinci Resolve color grading, and independently performed color correction and stylized grading to enhance visual storytelling

Volunteerism

Renew College Church

2023.09.02 - Present

- Produce vlogs and capture event photography that document the growth of a collegiate community in NYC for the church's Instagram account, and prepare lunch for the congregation each Sunday

The King's Academy's Mission Trip to Guatemala

2022.01.14 - 2022.01.19

- Participated in building eight metal homes that have concrete flooring and kitchens for Guatemalan families with Hope Project International; Directed, shot, and edited a documentary about the trip

Feature Films

Iron Dusk. Adventure Movie, 96 min, Dec 2024

Production Designer/Sound Editor | 54K+ Views on YouTube

- 2025 Telly Awards: Silver Winner, General-Under \$100,000; Silver Winner, General-Student; Bronze Winner, General-Sci-Fi & Fantasy
- 2025 AVA Digital Awards: Platinum Winner, 621. Movie

Star Wars: Gray Trials - A Fan Film. Adventure Series, 83 min, May 2024

Set Designer/Storyboard Artist (Chapter 1), Director of Photography (Chapter 2), Art Director (Chapter 3), Camera Operator (Chapters 4 & 5) | 1M+ Views on YouTube

- 2025 Telly Awards: Silver Winner, General-Under \$100,000; Silver Winner, General-Student; Bronze Winner, General-Sci-Fi & Fantasy
- 2025 AVA Digital Awards: Platinum Winner, 632. Student Production

Flamingo Heist. Action Comedy, 78 min, Dec 2023

Co-director | 170K+ Views on YouTube

- 2024 Telly Awards: Gold Winner, General-Narrative & Scripted; Gold Winner, General-Student; People's Telly Silver Winner, General-Non-Broadcast
- 2024 AVA Digital Awards: Platinum Winner, 621. Movie & 632. Student Production

The Wreck of Echo 10-4. Mystery Series, 87 min, Dec 2022

Camera Operator (Episode 1), 1st Camera Assistant (Episode 2) | 350K+ Views on YouTube

- 2023 AVA Digital Awards: Platinum Winner, 556. Entertainment
- 2023 Viddy Awards: Platinum Winner, 109. Entertainment; Gold Winner, 135. Student Production

Award-Winning Short Films

Pioneer of Love. 11 min. Director of Photography/Colorist. Sep 2025

- Official Selection at the 2025 New York Shorts International Film Festival

Carried by the Wind. 7 min. Director/Editor. May 2025

- Official Selection at NYU Winter Festival 2025

Like Mother. 3 min. Writer/Director/Editor/Colorist. Dec 2024

- Honorable Mention at NYU Fusion Film Festival 2025
- Official Selection at the Manhattan Film Festival 2025

Tidal. 5 min. Director of Photography. May 2024

- Official Selection at the 2024 New York Shorts International Film Festival
- New York International Film Awards (May 2024): Grand Jury Award, Best Under 5 Minute Film

From "I Do" to Forever: 30 Years of Wedding Bliss. 4 min. Director/Editor/Voice-over. Feb 2024

- Documentary Category Finalist at NYU Fusion Film Festival 2024

Grayson's Grace. 2 min. Writer/Director/Editor/Prop Builder. May 2023

- Second Prize at the 2025 China Innovative Imaging Competition (Virtual Production Innovative Application Track, Student Group)

Remote. 4 min. Writer/Director/Editor. Dec 2021

- First Prize in the Short Film category at the 8th Wanfenglin Micro Film Festival

Delivered. 4 min. Writer/Director/Editor. Mar 2021

- Second Prize in the Youth Dream category at the Youth Video Competition 2021, Beijing
- Best Storytelling at NYU Freshman Film Festival 2023

Skills

- **Forté:** Video Editing, Color Grading, Storyboarding, Concept Art, Handcrafting, Web Design
- **Software:** Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere, Adobe Audition, AutoCAD, Autodesk Maya, DaVinci Resolve, Final Draft, Fade In, Previs Pro, Pro Tools, Shot Designer, Studio Binder, Unreal Engine, Vectorworks