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#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Eyesore Productions**

(2008 - present)

Produced video for Johns Hopkins and the City of Baltimore. Created videos for UPO, which oversees Head Start and job training programs in Washington, D.C., as well as fundraising videos for Baltimore's Health Care for the Homeless, which broke records each year. Other clients include:

- Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts https://vimeo.com/390024611
- Federal Courts of Appeals https://vimeo.com/351221062
- Health Care for the Homeless https://vimeo.com/154334042
- UPO https://vimeo.com/150477029
- Red Bull Amphiko Project https://vimeo.com/225443154
- Others can be found at www.eyesoreproductions.com

#### **Grant Writer**

Continue to write grants for productions and for causes. Saul Zaentz Fund, (2017), Maryland Department of Housing, (2019), Maryland Arts Counsel (2019), Women in Film and Video (2019), Johns Hopkins Innovation Fund (2021).

#### **Documentary Filmmaker**

Into The Light, A Trip Through Baltimore's Ballroom Scene (2021)

Worked with Hopkins graduate students to shoot and edit a short documentary about Baltimore's African American underground Ballroom scene. The short is currently in the film festival circuit.

Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4SScQUAoBM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4SScQUAoBM</a>

Saul Zaentz Innovation Fund Fellow and Grant Recipient – Riding Wild

Received major grant to complete full-length documentary about a crew who made a secret bike trail in Baltimore woods to escape neighborhood violence. Trailer: <a href="https://vimeo.com/243014288">https://vimeo.com/243014288</a>

The Crooked Tune: An Old Time Fiddler in a Modern World

Debuted at the Newport Beach Film Festival, California. https://vimeo.com/123488044.

Going All Pro: The story of how Fancy Clancy became the World's Greatest Beer Vendor (2009)

Won Best Director, Hollywood First Glance Film Festival. Featured on The Documentary Channel. <a href="http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1552031/">http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1552031/</a>

The Last Season: The Life and Demolition of Memorial Stadium

Produced, co-directed, wrote, and co-edited popular documentary of the social-political response to the demolition of a Baltimore landmark. The film featured vendors, fans and sports figures like Johnny Unitas. http://www.memorialstadium.org/

# **Digital Storytelling Outreach Instructor**

A founding instructor with the Baltimore Youth Film Arts program, funded by the Mellon Foundation, administered through Johns Hopkins, to reach youth who lack access to the visual arts. Established Speak for Peace, a workshop utilizing filmmaking, QV code and street posters to offer messages of hope in communities. https://www.filmartsbaltimore.org/speak-for-peace

#### **Freelance Writer**

The Baltimore Banner (Currently)

Roving general assignment reporter doing stories ranging from innovative in prison programs to a preview of the Baltimore Ravens Season.

#### **Baltimore City Paper**

Regular contributor, writing cover stories, news, features, reviews, and special sections. Established column, called Charmed Life that was published as a book in 2000.

### Other Publications

Currently writing for The Baltimore Banner. In the past wrote for The New York Times, Reuters, The Christian Science Monitor, The Baltimore Sun, The Washington Post, as well as local papers and trade publications.

## **Radio Correspondent**

WYPR)

Provide arts and culture feature stories for NPR affiliate.

#### **Education**

Saul Zaentz Fellow American University – M.F.A. Film and Digital Media University of Maryland College Park – B.S. Journalism

# **Teaching**

2018 to the present - Baltimore Youth Film Arts Program, Mellon Grant, Johns Hopkins.

#### **Awards**

2020 Women in Film Grant
2019 Maryland Art Counsel
2018 Best Short – Denver Underground Film Festival
2018 Best Short – Arizona Film Festival
2018 Special Jury Award – Montana International Film Festival
2018 Stranger Than Fiction – Threadbare Mitten Festival, Michigan
2017 Baker Awards Finalist - Film
2009 Best Director Film Festival, First Glance Film Festival Hollywood

## Film Festivals

2022	Filmfest Dresden
2021	Martha's Vineyard
2021	Maryland Film Festival
2018	Denver Underground Film Festival
2018	Lost River Film Festival, Texas
2018	Montana International Film Festival, Billings
2018	Arizona Underground Film Festival
2018	Druid Underground Film Festival, Brooklyn, N.Y
2018	Action on Films, Los Vegas
2018	Thread Bare Mitten Festival, Michigan
2017	Ethnofilm Festival, Paris, France
2016	Queen City Film Festival, Maryland
2015	Newport Beach Film Festival
2010	Coney Island Film Festival
2009	First Glance Film Festival, Hollywood, Ca.
2009	Maryland Film Festival

#### **Distribution**

Crooked Tune distributed through Wonderphil Distribution
Crooked Tune plays on West Virginia Public Television for a year
Going All Pro picked up for two years on The Docu Channel
Mole in the Ground, tours the country and Europe on a shorts festival reel
The Last Season, The Life and Death of Baltimore's Memorial Stadium is a top-ten seller during
the Holiday Season in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area.