

# Eric Cotten

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## Education

1978 BSN. Life Sciences – University of Maryland School of Nursing.

## Film Work:

2023 Executive producer THE HOUSE - feature in development – film April/May 2023  
2023 Executive producer/ writer/ director – Episodic ASHBURTON – scheduled for Fall 2023  
2023 Writer/producer CHURCH HAT- animated Canadian children’s LGBTQ+ short film – in development  
2022 Producer MIDNIGHT SONG – in post-production  
2022 Writer/director – short film SCRUNCHIES  
2021 Associate Producer – *Two Shells- One Bullet* - short  
2021 Location/script consultant – *A Good Night Rest*- short  
2021 Writer/ director- producer- *Scrunchies* - short  
2020 Script consultant – location short film *Oracle* - short  
2020 Co -director/ producer – *Sea Monsters* - short  
2020 Writer/director/producer – *Tori* - short  
2020 Producer/ AD – shot film *The Seed*- short  
2019 Writer/director/ producer – *Diamond Dogs* - short  
2019 Co-director/producer- *The Unexpected*- short  
2019 Writer/director/producer- *Basta* - short  
2018 Producer/actor – *Blue Light* - short  
2018 Producer/actor – *Blue Light* – web series  
2017 Writer/director/producer- *Love and Faith* - short  
2017 Co- producer- location coordinator - *Lucid* - short  
2016 Writer/director- producer- *The Love Within* - short  
2014 Producer- *Afronaut* - short  
2013 Location coordinator/ AD - *Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner* - short  
2012 Producer/ AD - *The Last Night* -short  
2011 Writer/director - *Slovakia* – short  
2003 Location associate for *Ladder 49* =  
2002- 2008 Location assistant for *THE WIRE (HBO)*

## SCREENING

2022	SCRUNCHIES – Maryland Film Festival, Las Vegas Black Film Festival, Baltimore International Black Film Festival.
2021	Tori- Maryland Film Festival, Reel Sisters of the Diaspora, NewarkIFF, BronzeLens, Toronto Black Film Festival, Bucharest and fourteen others.
2019	Diamond Dogs- Baltimore Charm City film festival
2018	Blue Light – Baltimore Charm City Film Festival Basta- Baltimore Charm City Film Festival
2017	Love and Faith – Baltimore International Black Film Festival
2016	The Love Within- Baltimore International Black Film Festival/ Capital Black Film Festival Lucid – Baltimore International Black Film Festival
2014	Afronaut- Sundance/ Tribeca/ SxSW
2013	Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner – several gay focused festivals.
2012	Slovakia – Creative Alliance

## AWARDS

2022	SCRUNCHIES – Best dramatic short - Baltimore International Black Film Festival
2021	Tori- best Sci- Fi – Las Vegas Black Film Festival
2017	Lucid – Best sci-fi – Black International Black Film Festival

## SCRIPT AWARDS

2019-2020 Short script *Little Nibs*- semi – finalist at the Austin Screenwriters and Pages.

## PRODUCTIONS COMPANIES

2016	Founder and current president of the Baltimore Filmmakers Collective- non-profit.
2012	Established Mindseyecinema- a Baltimore based for profit film production company.

## WRITING PROGRAMS

2021	Stowe writing retreat – develop first feature <i>Dagmar</i>
2021	Philly Screenwriting workshop – <i>Dagmar</i>
2019	Baltimore screenwriting – Instructor Miceal O’Donnell

## FISCAL AWARDS

2022	Baltimore Progaming Grant – BOPA
2021	MSAC grant
2021	Baltimore General Operational Grant
2020	Baltimore BOPA- award
2020	Baltimore Free Fall Grant
2019	Baltimore Free Fall Grant

## **MENTORSHIP**

2017- present – Mentoring junior and senior students from Steveson, Towson, MICA/Hopkins and Morgan film/ screenwriting programs. Providing free script breakdown, location assistance, preproduction and production review; and post completion film critique.

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

2020- present – Screening committee member Real Sisters of the Diaspora film Festival

2006- 2012 – Served on the executive board of the Eubie Blake Cultural Center.

2004- present – Active member of the Maryland Film Festival

2019- present – Programming associate Maryland Film Festival

2015- Festival coordinator – Baltimore International Black Film Festival

2017- present – Screening committee member- Austin Film Festival

2018- present- Screening committee Tampa Bay Gay and Lesbian Film Festival 2020- Screening committee member Real Sisters Film Festival.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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