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Education

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

Film Work:

2025	Executive Producer – Little Doors
2025	Writer/ Director – Motor House Documentary
2024	Executive Producer – <i>Cloud Nebula</i> - short
2024	Associate Producer – <i>He's a Big Boy Now</i> - short
2024	Director – <i>Suppress</i> - short
2024	Executive Producer - <i>Oh Father</i> - feature
2024	Writer/ Director - <i>Mi Amor</i> – short
2024	Executive Producer - <i>THE HOUSE</i> - feature in development – film Fall 2024
2024	Executive Producer / Writer/ Director – <i>ASHBURTON</i> episodic – scheduled for Spring 2025
2024	Writer/Producer - <i>CHURCH HAT</i> - animated Canadian children's LGBTQ+ short film – in development
2022	Producer <i>MIDNIGHT SONG</i> – feature in post-production
2022	Writer/Director/Producer – <i>SCRUNCHIES</i> - short
2021	Associate Producer – <i>Two Shells</i> - One Bullet - short
2021	Location Coordinator/Script Consultant – <i>A Good Night Rest</i> - short
2020	Location Coordinator/Script Consultant – <i>Oracle</i> - short
2020	Co-Director/ Producer – <i>Sea Monsters</i> - short
2020	Writer/Director/Producer – <i>Tori</i> - short
2020	Producer / AD – <i>The Seed</i> - short
2019	Writer/Director/ Producer – <i>Diamond Dogs</i> - short
2019	Co-Director/Producer - <i>The Unexpected</i> - short
2019	Writer/Director/Producer - <i>Basta</i> - short
2018	Producer /Actor – <i>Blue Light</i> - short
2018	Producer /Actor – <i>Blue Light</i> – web series
2017	Writer/Director/Producer - <i>Love and Faith</i> - short
2017	Co- Producer/Location Coordinator - <i>Lucid</i> - short
2016	Writer/Director- Producer - <i>The Love Within</i> - short
2014	Producer - <i>Afronaut</i> - short
2013	Location Coordinator/ AD - <i>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner</i> - short
2012	Producer / AD - <i>The Last Night</i> -short
2011	Writer/Director - <i>Slovakia</i> – short

2003 Location Associate - Ladder 49 - feature
2002 - 2008 Location Assistant - *THE WIRE* (HBO) -TV Series

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
2018 *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
2015 *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

2020-2021 Short script *Little Nibs*- semi – finalist Pages Screenwriters Competition
2019-2020 Short script *Little Nibs*- semi – finalist at the Austin Screenwriters Competition

PRODUCTIONS COMPANIES

2024 Developing a Baltimore based professional production facility - NUMNUMO
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

2025 Saul Zaentz Innovation Fund – Cult of Us.
2023 Saul Zaentz Innovation Fund – Church Hat
2021 Stowe writing retreat – develop first feature *Dagmar*
2021 Philly Screenwriting workshop – *Dagmar*
2019 Baltimore screenwriting – Instructor Miceal O'Donnell

FISCAL AWARDS

2024	Baltimore general use Grant - BOPA
2023	Baltimore Programing Grant – BOPA
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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

2024- Programmer – Maryland Film Festival
2023- Screener for the Portland Technology and Animation Film Festival
2023- Festival Coordinator – Baltimore International Black Film Festival
2020- Present – Screening committee member Real Sisters of the Diaspora film Festival
2019-Present – Chair Pitch Competition
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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2023 Board of Directors – Thrive Arts
2006- 2012- Eubie Blake Cultural Center