

# Ali Truman

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## EXPERIENCE

### Founder & Editor in Chief

*Family First Magazine* — Baltimore, MD | 2017 - Present

- Oversee all creative direction, design, and content curation.
- Manage the magazine's editorial vision, focusing on supporting local and international artists.
- Organize community-focused events and projects that promote artistic expression and engagement.

### Set Designer

*HBO, Expedia, Various* — Baltimore, MD | 2021

- Collaborated with production teams to design and execute immersive and visually captivating sets.
- Enhanced storytelling through strategic use of props, lighting, and spatial design.

### Freelance Photographer & Creative Director

Self-Employed — Baltimore, MD | 2016 - Present

- Developed a portfolio showcasing diverse photographic styles, including portraiture, editorial, and conceptual work.
- Provided creative direction for various projects, blending visual storytelling with artistic innovation.
- Worked with clients to bring their vision to life through compelling visuals and design.

## AWARDS/ RESIDENCIES

**Black Arts District Fellowship Grant (2024):** Recognized for unique vision and ability to deliver and create impactful artistic work.

**NASDAQ Honorarium (2021):** Highlighted for work on *Family First Magazine* and contributions to the arts.

**Muse 360 New Generation Scholars Residency (2023):** Participated in a youth-led leadership program, empowering the next generation of artists and activists in Baltimore.

**MSAC Creativity Grant (2025):** Recognized for contributions to strengthening the local arts ecosystem.

## SKILLS

Photography

Creative Direction

Graphic Design

Set Design

Film Director

Event Curation

Producer

## INTERNSHIPS

**Waller Gallery (2018)**

**Ambitious Moguls Media Company (2018)**

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

**XoXo Gallery- FROSH Week Exhibition (2024)**

**NASDAQ Tower in Times Square: Amplifying Black Voices (2021)**

**OCA Mocha (2021)**

## PRESS

**Voyage Baltimore: Hidden Gems (2024)**

**NASDAQ: Amplifying Black Voices (2021)**

**Voices Of Resilience: Women at Work (2025)**