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## **Education:**

**Emerson College**, Boston, MA

**Wesleyan University**, Middletown, CT

## **Dates:**

Spring 2023 - Fall 2024

Fall 2020 - Fall 2021

## **Filmmaking & Freelance Experience:**

**720 Studios, *Founder & Creative Director***

Fall 2014 - Present

- Operates an independent production company with an active slate of original content
- Directs, acts, writes, produces, and edits over 20+ originals, including *Heated Times* (sketch show), *The Greenwaltz Experience* (play), *Totally Unhinged* (series), and *Influence'r* (series)
- Operates social media pages and a website for constant updates to maintain online appearance

**Professional Freelancer, *Multimedia Artist / Content Creator*** - New York, NY

Fall 2016 - Present

- Edits and produces content for local businesses, art galleries, theatrical productions, birthday videos, etc.
- Curate filming and streaming setups for a project's specific needs (live events, pre-recorded speeches, etc.)
- Experience using new and emerging AI tools (artlist.io & claude.ai)

**The Ross School, *Summer Film Instructor*** - East Hampton & Bridgehampton, NY

Summers 2015 - 2025

- Created a filmmaking & stop-motion animation curriculum for groups of 10 - 20 kids, ages 6 - 14
- Trained students in crafting films from scripting / pre-production stage, through post-production / editing

**That's Y, *Contract Content Creator*** - Remote

May 2026 - Present

- Edit and create vertical videos around political sciences & philosophy
- Records audio, sources videos/photos and creates basic animations for videos

**The Birch Wathen Lenox School, *Contract Videographer & Editor*** - New York, NY

Fall 2019 - Present

- Edit, assist, and film segments for the performing arts department

**LTV Studios, *Contract Video Editor*** - East Hampton, NY

Fall 2020

- Edited and created promos for various LTV programming

## **Additional Professional Experience:**

**BroadwayWorld, *Event Writer*** - New York, NY

April 2022 - Present

- Writes reviews, event pieces, and press releases, including the flagship *Drama League Awards*
- Published over 50 articles

**Executive Assistant for *Bonnie Comley & Stewart F. Lane*** - New York, NY

January 2022 - Present

- Assists in day-to-day tasks for the heads of BroadwayHD / President of The Drama League
- Lead all personal filmmaking, video editing, and technology projects
- Evaluate new NYC theatre productions for potential investment consideration

**Studio 71, *Creator Partnerships Comedy Intern*** - Beverly Hills, CA

Summer 2024

- Built comedy talent lists and prospect summaries to support partnership development
- Executed daily deliverables for the Associate Director of Comedy

**WECB Radio Host, "Yesterday, Today" @ Emerson College** - Boston, MA

Spring 2023 - Fall 2024

- Hosted a weekly music and culture radio hour!

## **Skills:**

**Software:**

Final Cut Pro X, Premiere Pro, OBS, Canva, Celtx, Final Draft, Lightroom, Photoshop, FlipAClip (Animation), Microsoft Office / Google Suite, YouTube, TikTok X, Bluesky, Instagram & Meta

**Performance:**

On-stage and on-screen acting, sketch comedy, directing, writing, teaching & public speaking

**Technical:**

Apple devices / Software, DSLRs (Nikon, Canon), Blackmagic cameras & digitizing media

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| Emerson College     | Boston, MA     | Spring 2023 - Fall 2024 |
| Wesleyan University | Middletown, CT | Fall 2020 - Fall 2021   |

**Film Credits:**

| <b>Year(s)</b> | <b>Production</b>                               | <b>Role(s)</b>                                                                | <b>Company(s)</b>             |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2019           | <i>Student Council (Series)</i>                 | Director / Writer / Editor / Actor — “Freddie”                                | 720 Studios                   |
| 2020           | <i>Kino Charis</i>                              | Actor — “The Screenwriter”                                                    | Cinema Grace Production       |
| 2022           | <i>Mr. Saturday Night: A New Musical Comedy</i> | Production Assistant                                                          | BroadwayHD                    |
| 2023 - 2025    | <i>Infleunce'r' (Series)</i>                    | Director / Writer / Editor / Actor — “Tyler Bendson”                          | 720 Studios                   |
| 2024           | <i>Gen. Sex</i>                                 | Animator / On-Set Photographer                                                | Silent Cow Productions        |
| 2024           | <i>The Pick-Up</i>                              | Executive Producer / Casting / Voice Over Supervisor                          | EIV / Emerson College         |
| 2024           | <i>“A Day in the Life” (Music Video)</i>        | Director / Writer / Editor / Cinematographer                                  | Emerson College / 720 Studios |
| 2025 - Present | <i>Totally Unhinged (Series)</i>                | Writer / Editor                                                               | 720 Studios                   |
| 2026           | <i>Graham Luis The Mindrunner</i>               | Director / Writer / Editor / Cinematographer                                  | 720 Studios                   |
| 2026           | <i>Fallen Angels</i>                            | Production Assistant                                                          | BroadwayHD                    |
| In Production  | <i>Eugene Greagan: Born Dead</i>                | Editor / Producer                                                             | Silent Cow Productions        |
| In Production  | <i>Slaughter at Camp Swinelake</i>              | Actor — “Dookie Knoxville” / Voice Actor — “Orwell” & “Zombie Tad” / Animator | Silent Cow Productions        |

**Theatre Credits:**

|      |                                  |                                                 |                     |
|------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2021 | <i>The Greenwaltz Experience</i> | Actor — “Shep Anderson” / Writer / Director     | 720 Studios         |
| 2021 | Wesleyan 2021 Dramathon!         | Writer / Co-Director — “Waiting for Allison...” | Wesleyan University |
| 2022 | Underground-168 Live!            | Executive Producer / Writer / Actor / Editor    | 720 Studios         |
| 2023 | Sketch-Up Festival               | Executive Producer / Writer / Actor / Editor    | 720 Studios         |

**Video Interviews:**

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| 2018 & 2020 | Reed Alexander      | Interviewer / Editor | 720 Studios |
| 2019        | Neil deGrasse Tyson | Interviewer / Editor | 720 Studios |

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