

James D. Blinken New York, NY

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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 Greenwartz Experience* (play), *Totally Unhinged* (series), and *Influence 'r'* (series)
- Operates social media pages and a website for constant updates to maintain online appearance

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
- Organized and hosted end-of-session film showcases for students, families, and faculty

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 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, X, Bluesky, Instagram & Meta Suite

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Film Credits:

Year(s)	Production	Role(s)	Company(s)
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>Influence '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
In Production	<i>Slaughter at Camp Swinelake</i>	Actor — “Dookie Knoxville” / Voice Actor — “Orwell” & “Zombie Tad” / Animator	Silent Cow Productions
In Production	<i>Eugene Greagan: Born Dead</i>	Editor / Producer	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

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